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**FIRST  
CONTACT**

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## STORY

Every human on earth is turned to stone by a mysterious phenomenon, including high school student Taiju. Nearly 3,700 years later, Taiju awakens and finds his friend Senku, who revived a bit earlier. Together, they vow to restore civilization, but Tsukasa, once considered the strongest high schooler alive, nearly kills Senku in order to put a stop to his scientific plans.

After being secretly revived by his friends, Senku arrives at a village and wins the villagers' trust thanks to his scientific knowledge. But when word of Senku's survival gets back to Tsukasa, the war between the two forces begins! The conflict ends when the two factions make peace, but Hyoga betrays Tsukasa and stabs him. To save Tsukasa, Senku buys time by cryogenically freezing him.

Depetrification may be the only way to heal Tsukasa, so Senku plans to sail to the source of the petrification phenomenon. With the remaining revival fluid, he revives a captain named Ryusui!



UKYO



GEN ASAGIRI



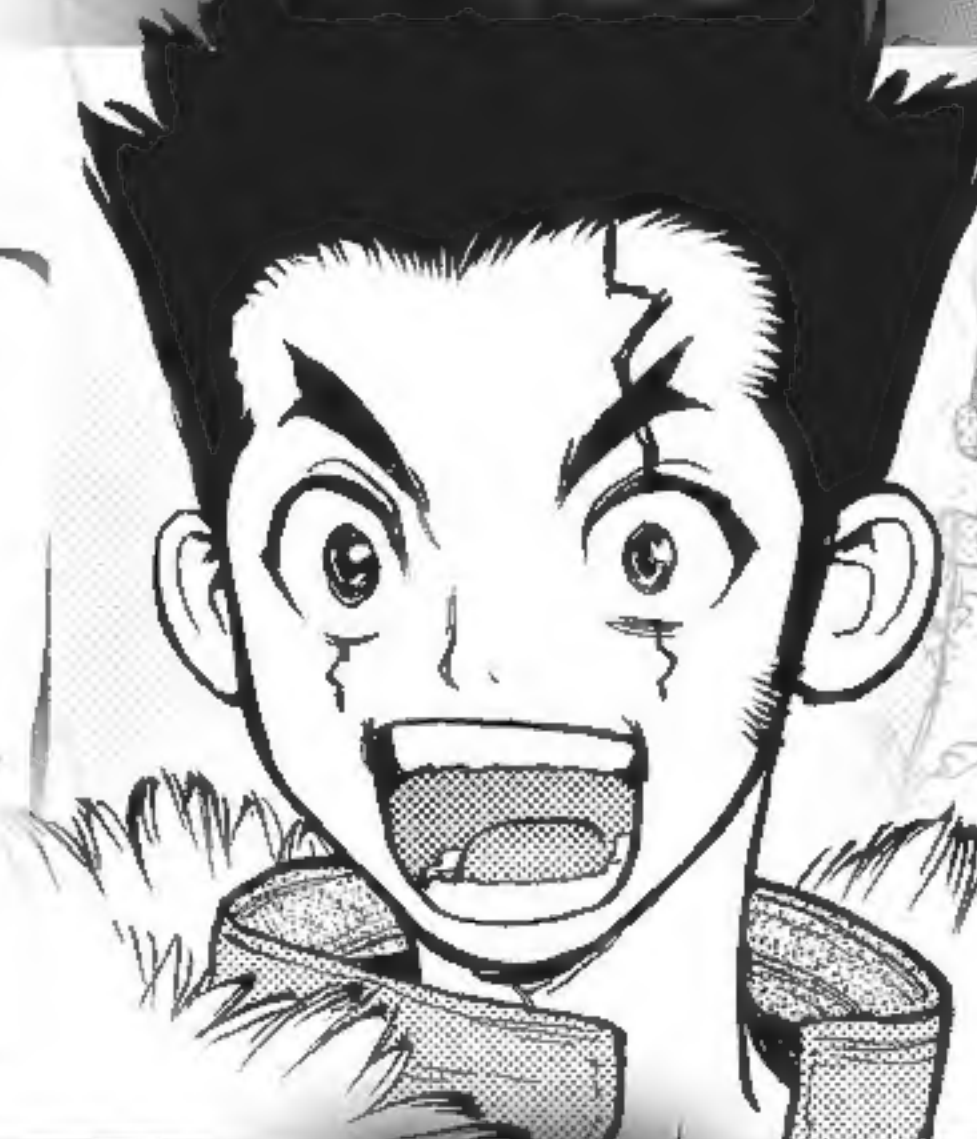
RYUSUI



MINAMI



YUZURIHA



TAIJU



SUIKA

# CHARACTERS

An experienced, agile warrior who's as strong as any man. She's quite possibly the strongest person in the village.

KOHAKU



CHROME

A clever and honest guy with more curiosity than he knows what to do with. Now that Senku's opened his eyes to science, he's ready to go as far as that path takes him.

A young man with prodigious knowledge and a passion for science. He's now leading his Kingdom of Science. His catchphrase is "Get excited!"

SENKU





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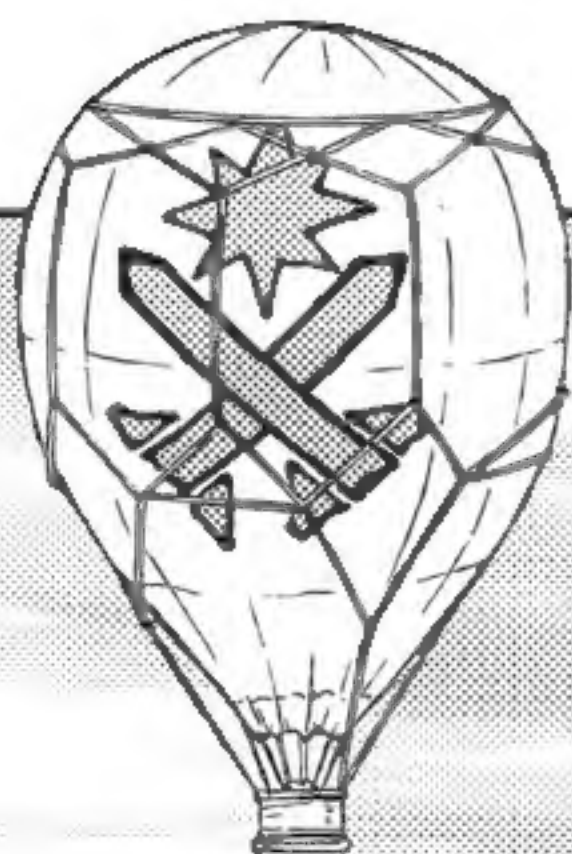
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# **Z=89: Adventurers**







**Hot-air balloon  
cruising altitude  
1,000 meters**

**World's  
tallest building  
828 meters**

**Tokyo Sky Tree  
634 meters**

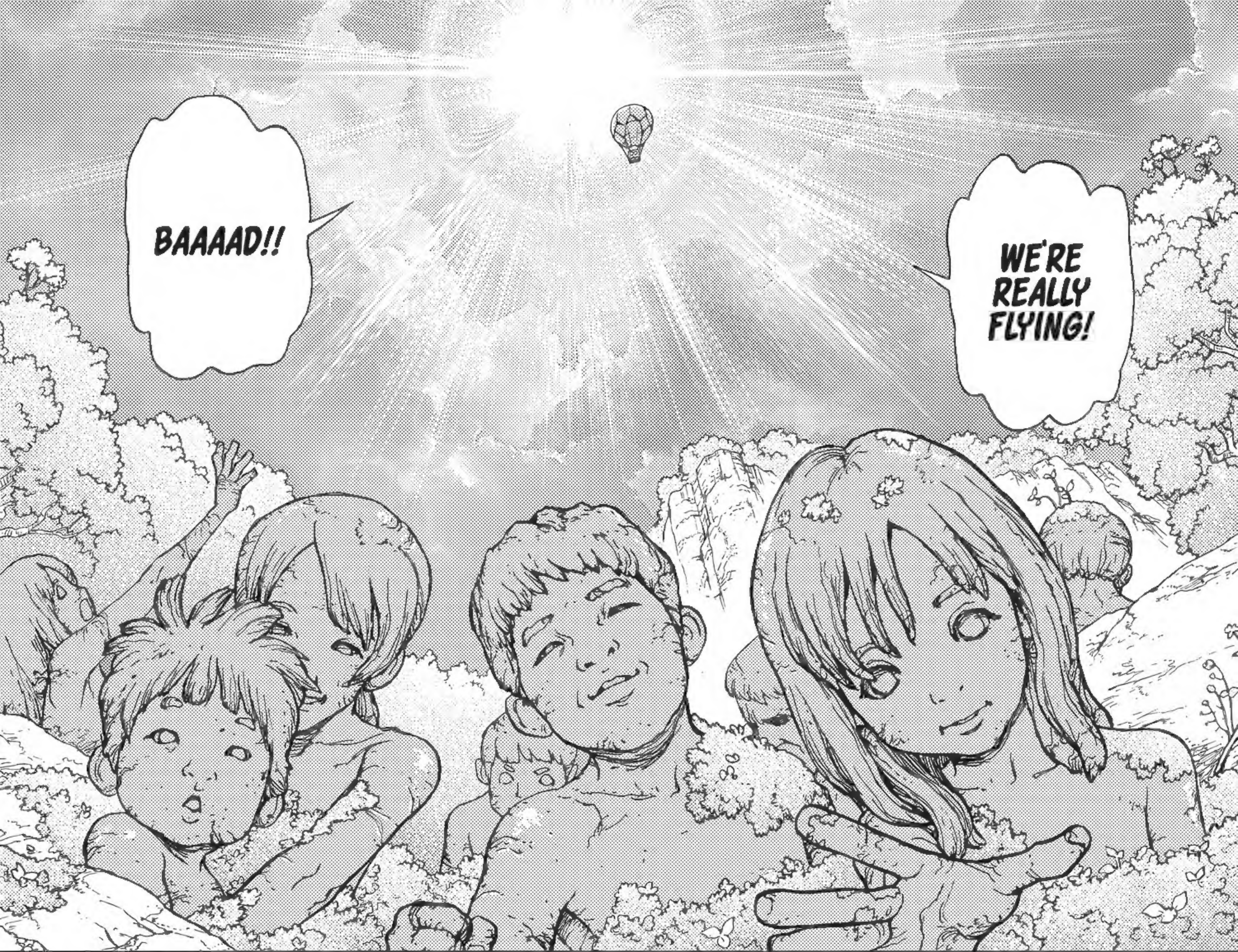
**Japan's  
tallest building  
300 meters**

**WE'RE  
SOARING  
AT AN  
INCREDIBLE  
ALTITUDE!**

**THE WORLD  
RECORD FOR THE  
HIGHEST HOT-AIR  
BALLOON FLIGHT  
WAS SET IN  
JAPAN AT 53,700  
METERS!**







**BAAAAD!!**

**WE'RE  
REALLY  
FLYING!**



...THIS ISN'T  
A BIG DEAL.  
IT'S NOTHING  
SPECIAL,  
HUH?

I GUESS  
FOR YOU  
MODERN-  
TIMERS...

**HOW CAN  
I NOT?  
WE'RE UP  
IN THE  
SKY!**

**ARE YOU  
ACTUALLY  
CRYING?**



THERE'S  
NOTHING  
QUITE LIKE  
IT, IN MY  
OPINION.

IT'S AS  
RAW AND  
REAL AS  
IT GETS!

THERE'S  
NOTHING  
BETWEEN  
US AND  
THE SKY!

THOUGH I  
USED TO FLY  
A CHOPPER  
OR PRIVATE  
JET TO DO MY  
SHOPPING  
BACK IN THE  
DAY...

HA HA! I  
WOULDN'T GO  
THAT FAR!

THIS'S  
MY FIRST  
HOT-AIR  
BALLOON  
RIDE TOO!

UM, YOU'RE  
A SPECIAL  
CASE.

**IT'S  
FANTASTIC!!**





WHOOAAA !!



WHERE'RE WE HEADING?

HM? GOAL?



ISHIGAMI VILLAGE.



ALL THE MORE REASON FOR ME TO MASTER THIS THING HERE AND NOW...

...AND GUIDE OUR FIRST FLIGHT TO ITS GOAL!!

THE WAY THE BALLOON MOVES IS DEPENDENT ON THE WIND.

BASICALLY IT'S LIKE A SAILING SHIP IN THE SKY.



Should I stoke the flames?

...IT'S WEIRD. WE'RE NOT GETTING UP VERY HIGH...

HMPH! I'D LOVE TO AVOID THE FLOCK, BUT...

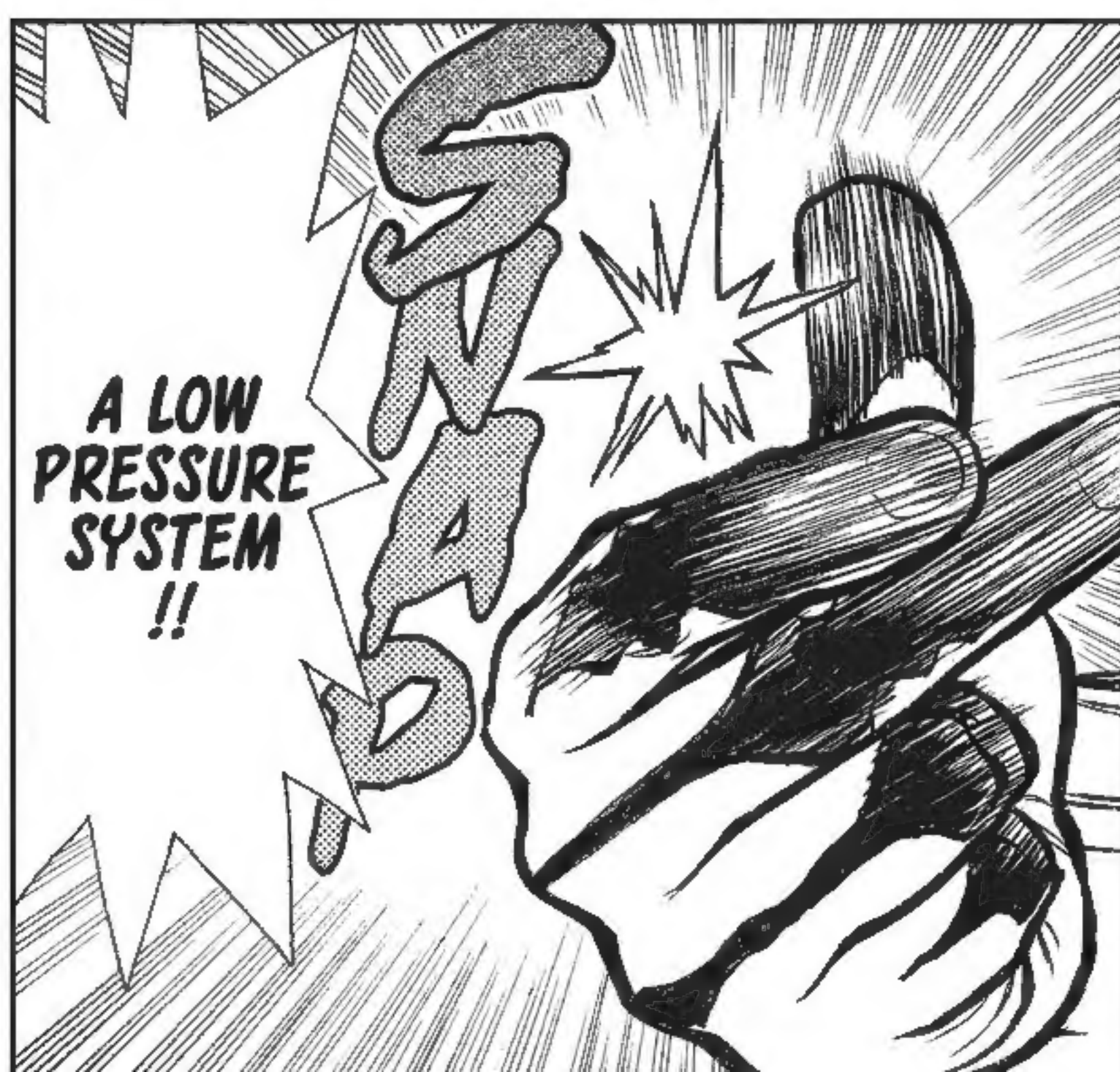
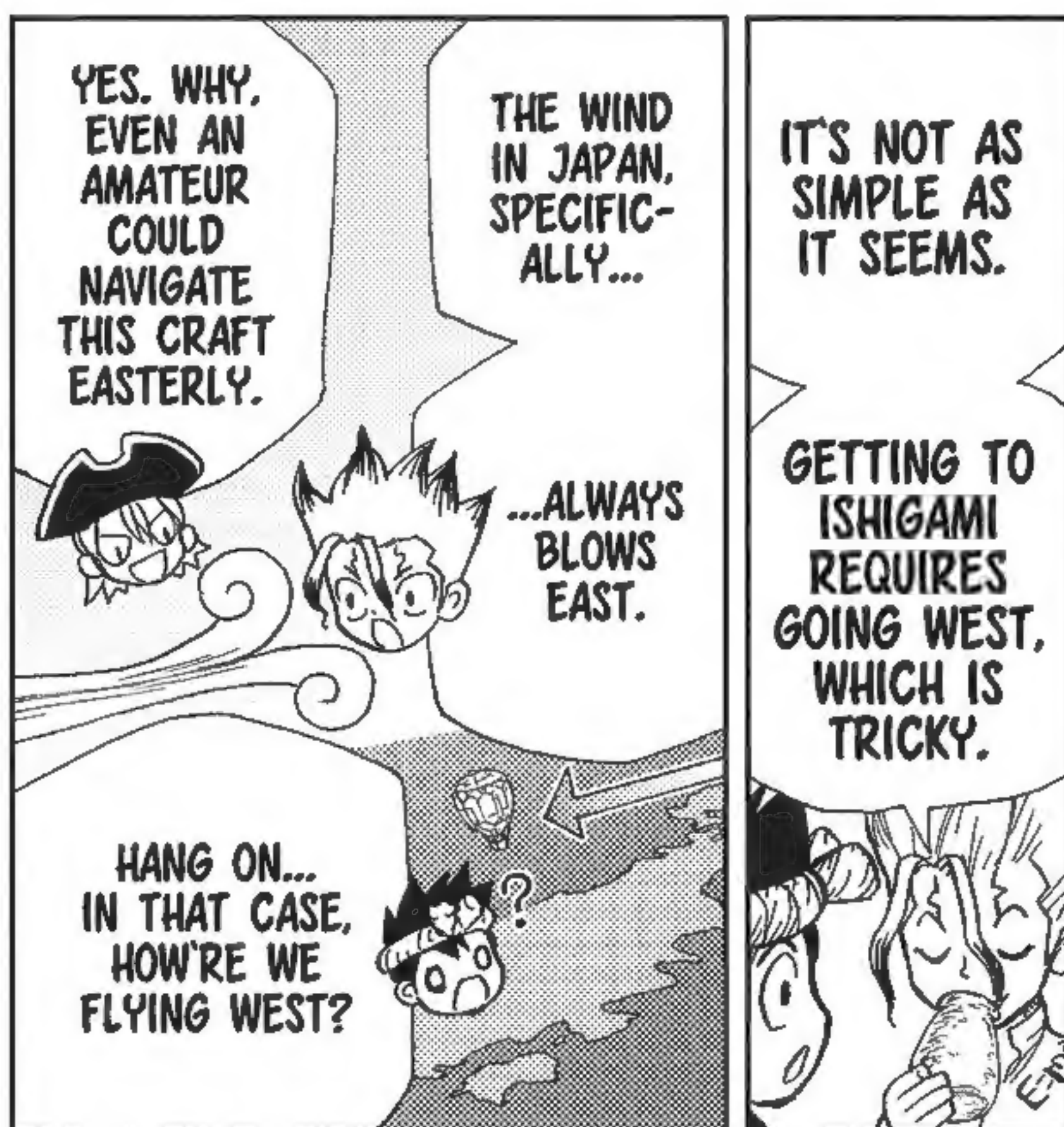


I WOULDN'T EXACTLY BE HAPPY ABOUT THAT.

LOOK! WE'RE AMONG THE BIRDS!!

BIRDS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR TONS OF PLANE CRASHES.









...TO HITCH  
A QUICK  
RIDE TO  
THE WEST!!

THEY SPIRAL  
COUNTER-  
CLOCKWISE,  
SO WE'RE  
JUST TAKING  
ADVANTAGE OF  
THAT FLOW...

WE'RE  
TALKING  
NASTY  
WINDS THAT  
PRODUCE  
STORMS!



JUST  
LEAVE THIS  
LITTLE  
VOYAGE  
TO YOUR  
CAPTAIN!!

ISN'T THIS  
WHY YOU  
AMATEURS  
PUT ME IN  
CHARGE OF  
THIS SHIP?

BUT STEPPING  
UP TO THIS  
CHALLENGE  
MAKES ME A  
PRO  
ADVENTURER,  
RIGHT?!

IT'S TOUGH!  
AND SUPER  
RISKY!

**BWOOM**



ME? THE  
ADVENTURE  
KING??

D-DID  
HE...  
JUST  
CALL  
ME AN  
AMATEUR?

PRO  
ADVENTURER  
??



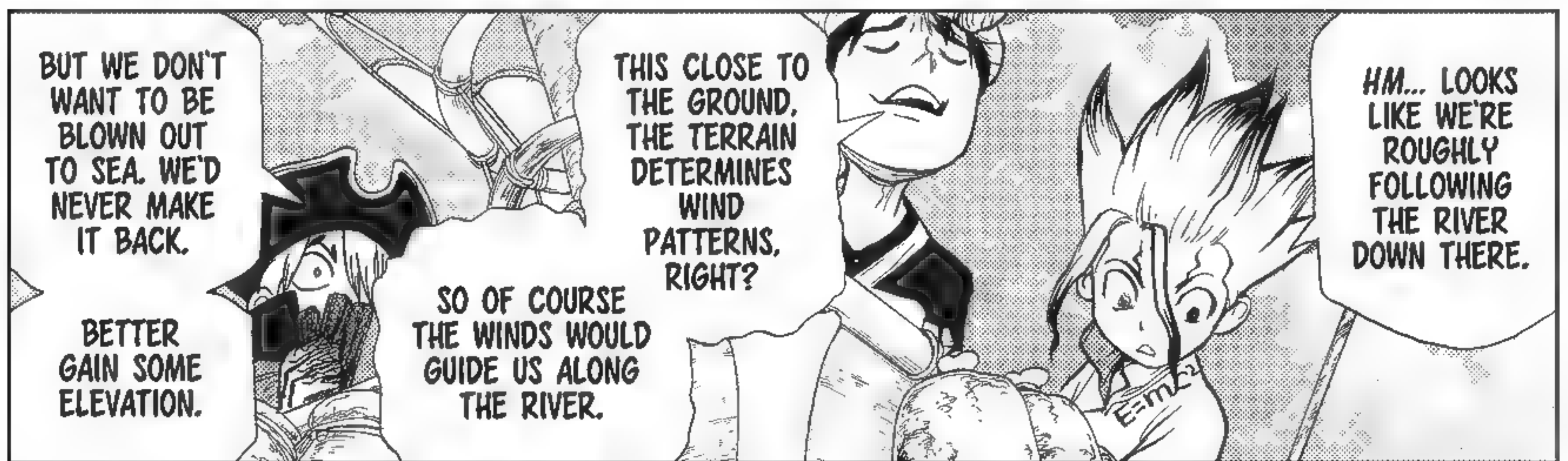
...ON OUR  
ADVENTURE  
TO FIND  
THAT BLACK  
GOLD!!

THEN WE  
KEEP GOING  
WEST...

**WHOOSH**

HA HA! I'LL  
LEARN THE  
SKILLS IT TAKES  
TO FLY US  
TO ISHIGAMI  
VILLAGE.













**ALLOW  
ME TO  
INTRODUCE**

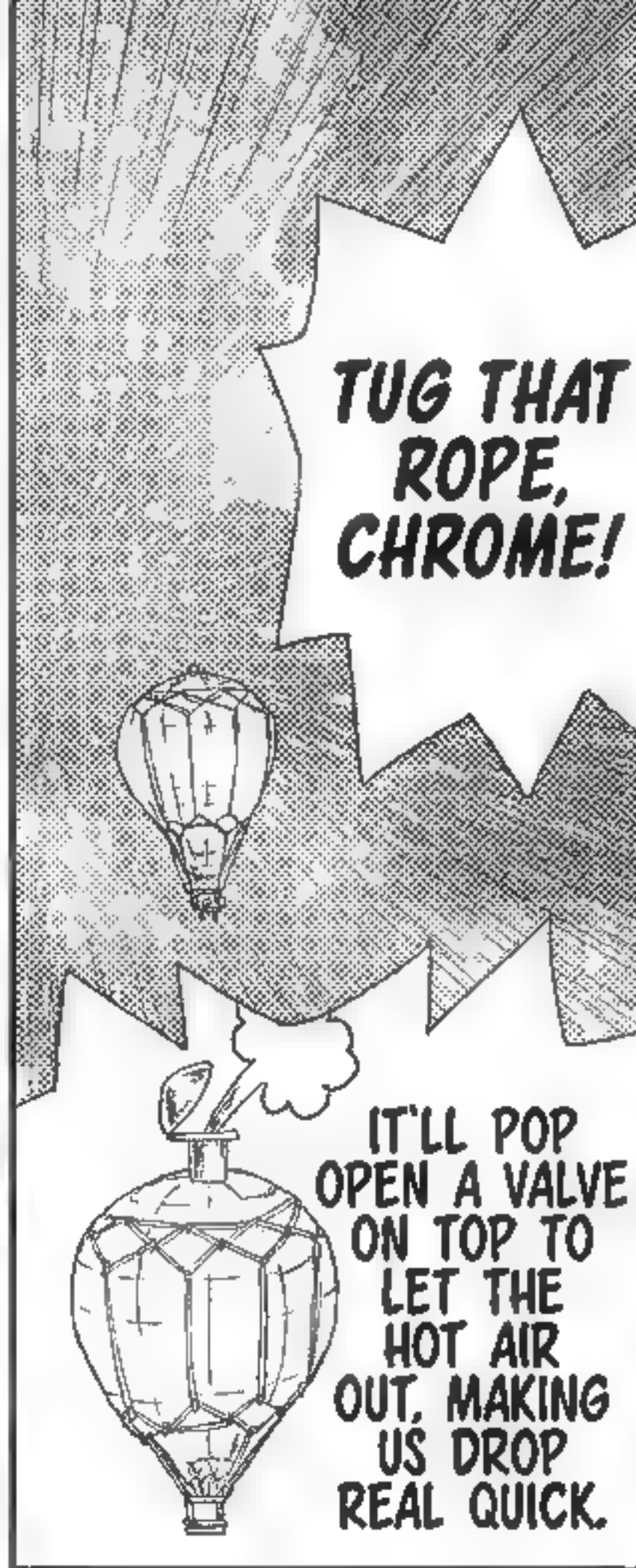
**...THE  
STORM-  
CREATING  
CLOUD DEVIL  
KNOWN  
AS...**

**...THE  
MIGHTY  
CUMULONIMBUS  
!!**





**WAIT!!**



**TUG THAT  
ROPE,  
CHROME!**



IT'LL POP  
OPEN A VALVE  
ON TOP TO  
LET THE  
HOT AIR  
OUT, MAKING  
US DROP  
REAL QUICK.

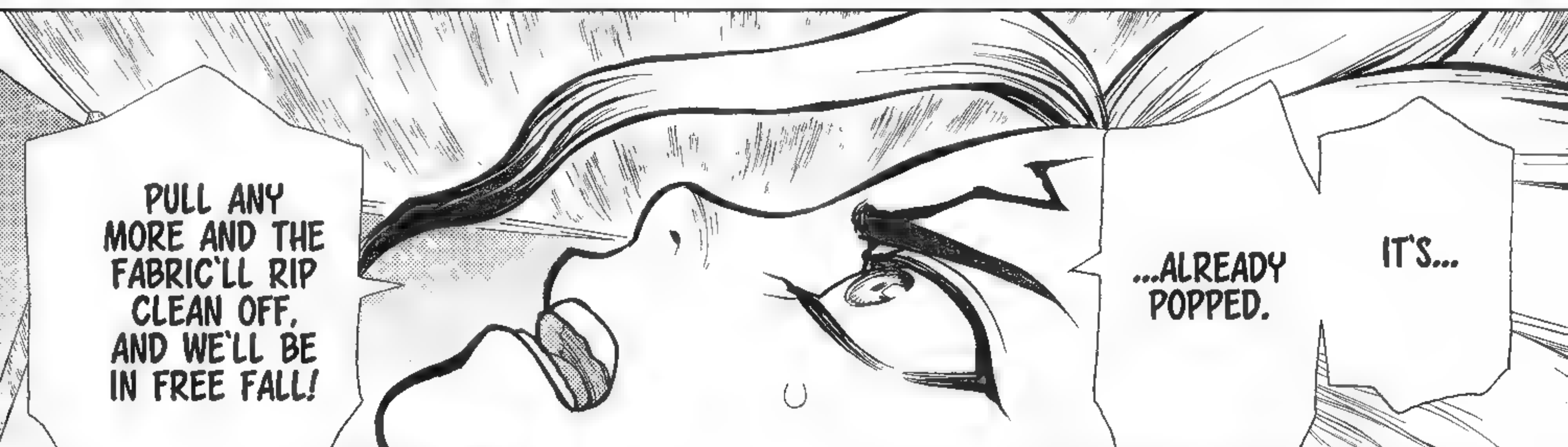


**GOTCHA!**

GET NEAR  
THAT, AND  
WE'LL BE  
SUCKED  
IN BY ITS  
AWESOME  
POWER.

OUR  
BALLOON  
WOULD BE  
TORN TO  
SHREDS.

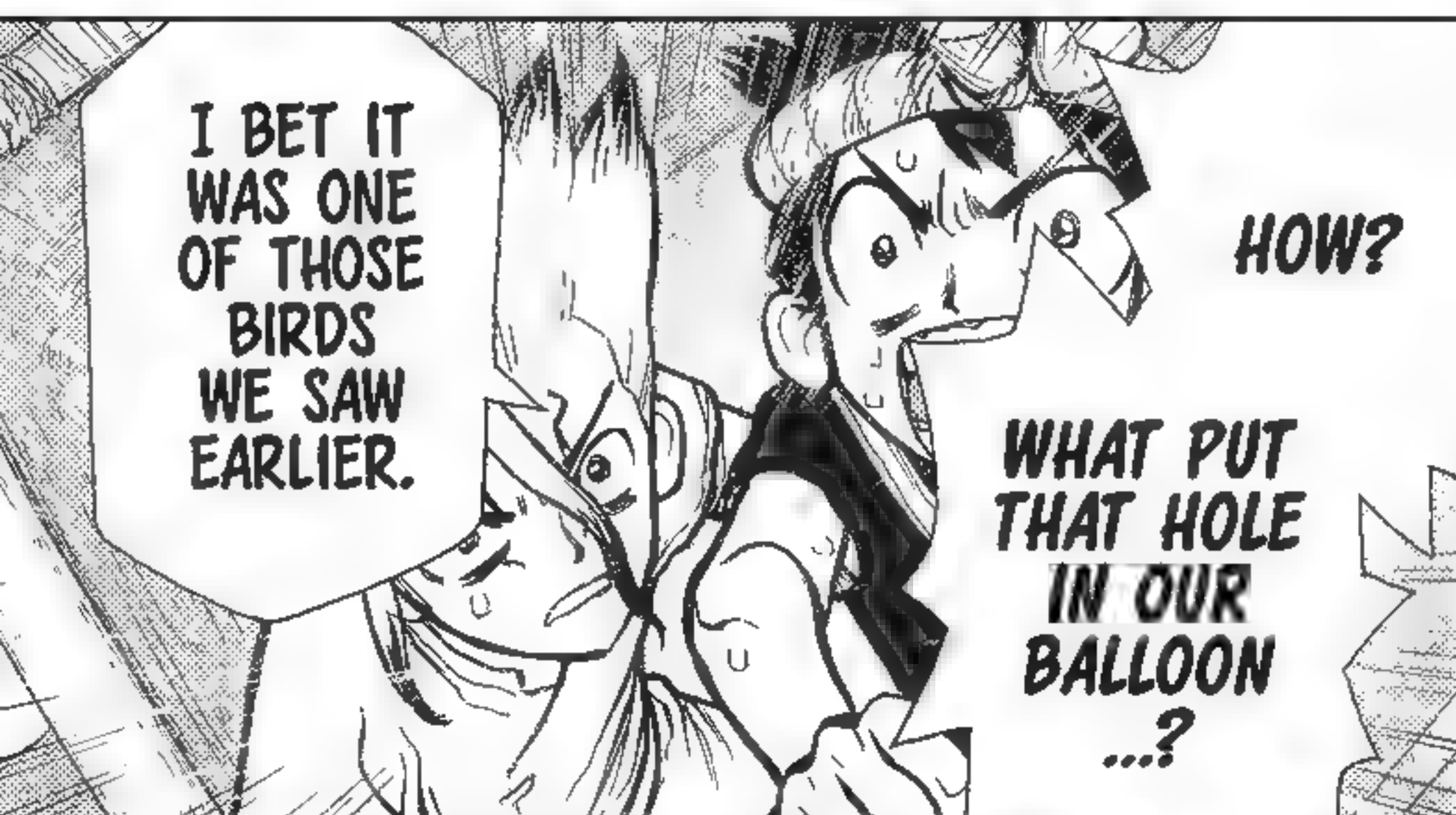
WE NEED  
TO PREPARE  
FOR AN  
EMERGENCY  
LANDING,  
NOW!



PULL ANY  
MORE AND THE  
FABRIC'LL RIP  
CLEAN OFF,  
AND WE'LL BE  
IN FREE FALL!

...ALREADY  
POPPED.

IT'S...



I BET IT  
WAS ONE  
OF THOSE  
BIRDS  
WE SAW  
EARLIER.

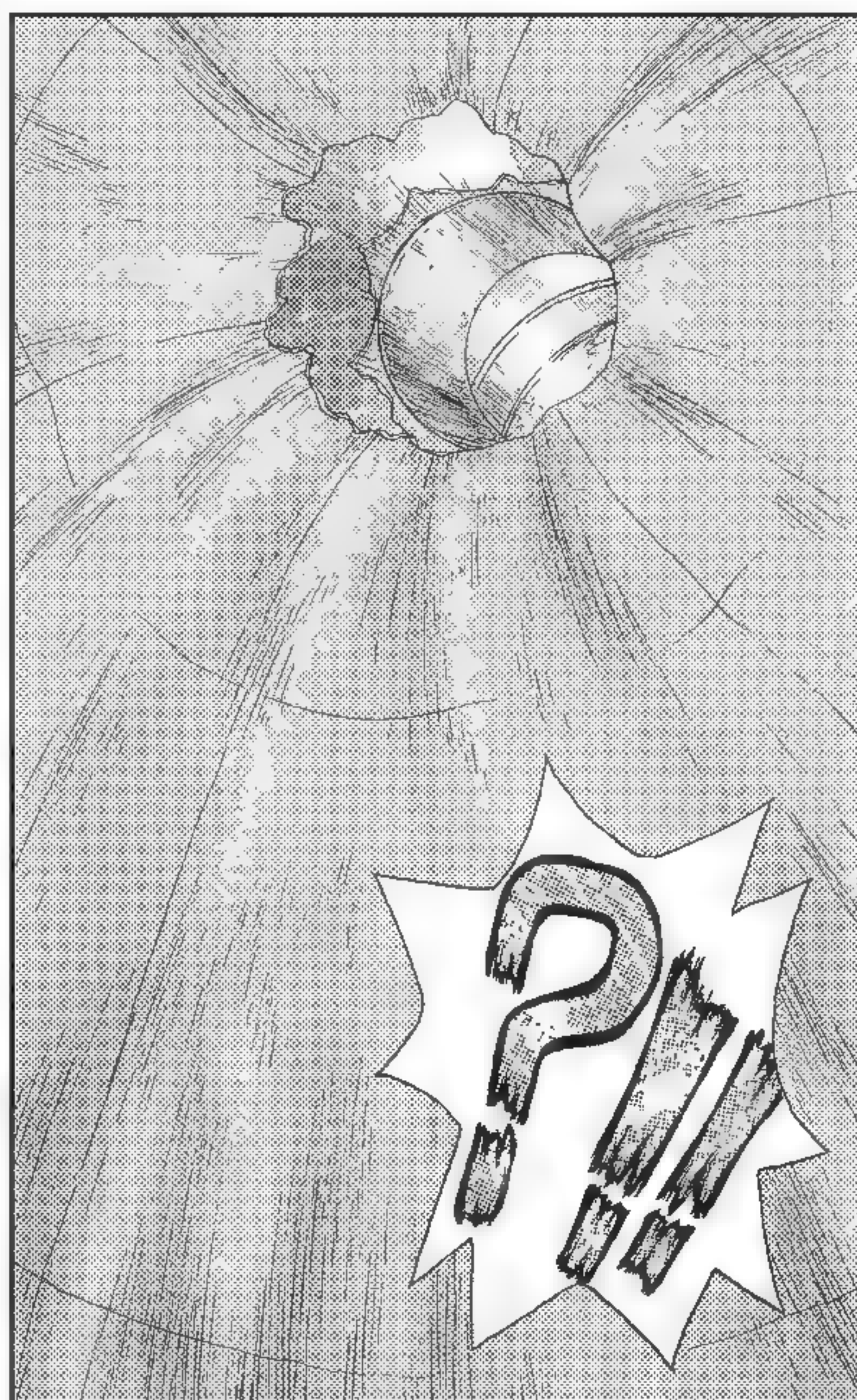
**HOW?**

WHAT PUT  
THAT HOLE  
IN OUR  
BALLOON  
...?



Should I  
stoke the  
flames?

...IT'S  
WEIRD.  
WE'RE NOT  
GETTING  
UP VERY  
HIGH...





BAAAD!  
WE JUST  
KEEP  
RISING!

EVEN  
THOUGH  
WE'VE PUT  
A LID ON  
THE FIRE!

...HAS US  
CAUGHT  
IN ITS  
UPDRAFT!

THE  
DEVILISH  
CUMULO-  
NIMBUS...

IS THERE  
NO WAY  
TO GET  
DOWN?!

**NO!**

**KASH  
OOO**

...NO  
ESCAPE!

THERE'S...

**BW  
OO  
M**





BAAAD,  
IN A BAD  
WAY! GOTTA  
ESCAPE,  
BUT...

...THERE'S  
NO CLEAR  
PATH!

WAIT...  
ESCAPE?

IS THAT  
THE RIGHT  
MOVE?

REALLY?

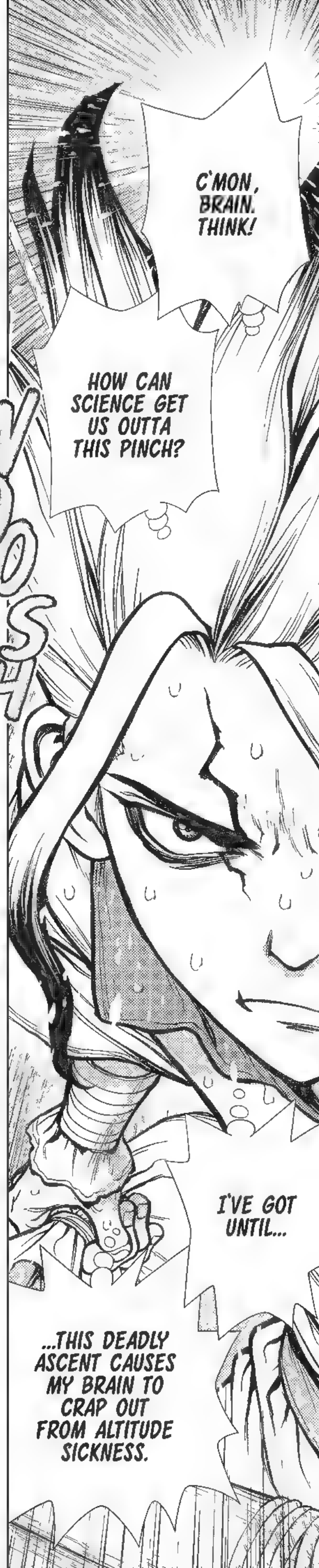


HA HA! THE  
PERFECT  
CHALLENGE!

OVERCOMING  
THIS CLOUD  
DEVIL WILL  
FORCE ME TO  
MASTER THIS  
CRAFT.

I'LL FIND  
US A WAY  
OUT.

A HOLE  
IN THE  
WIND!!



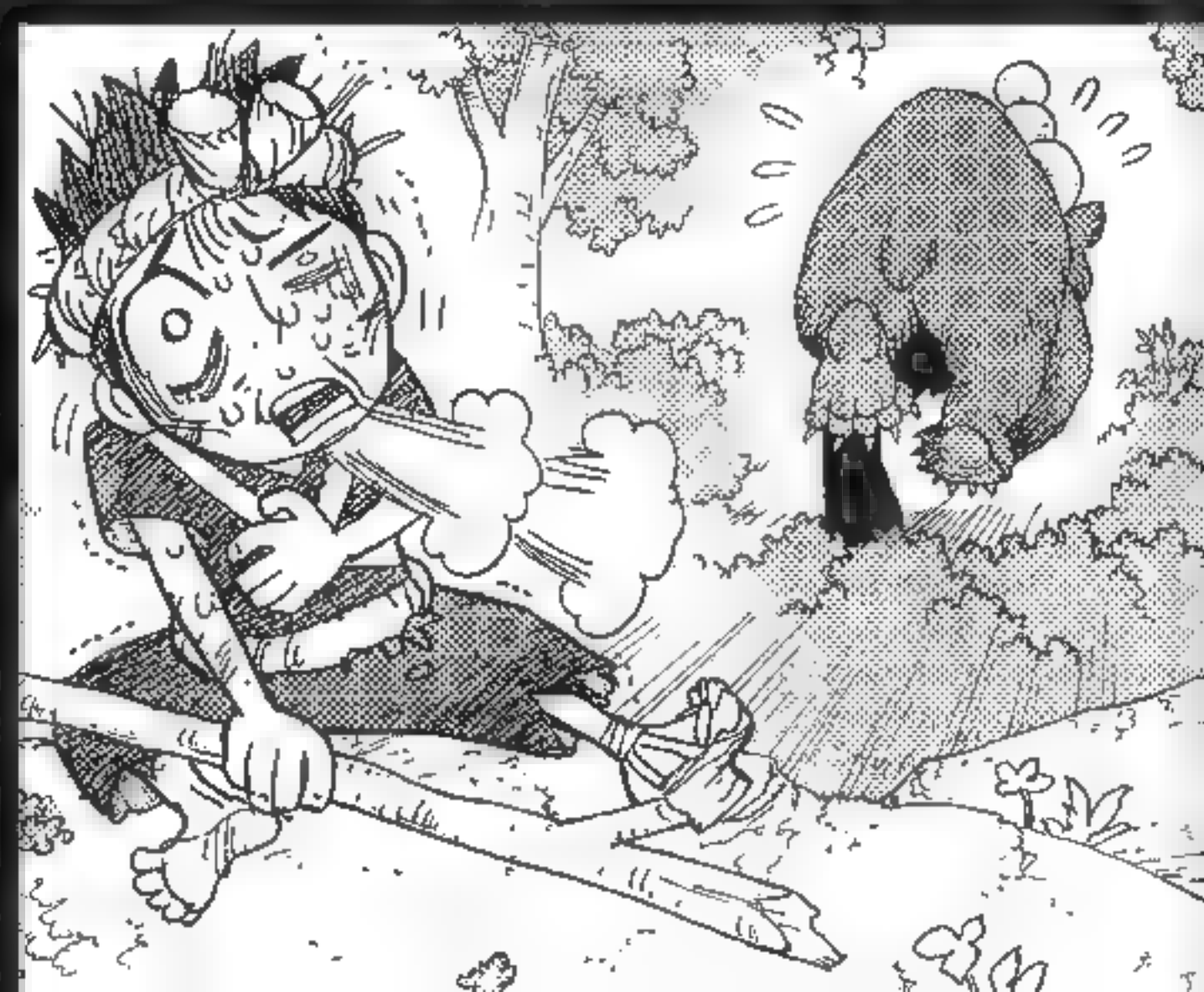
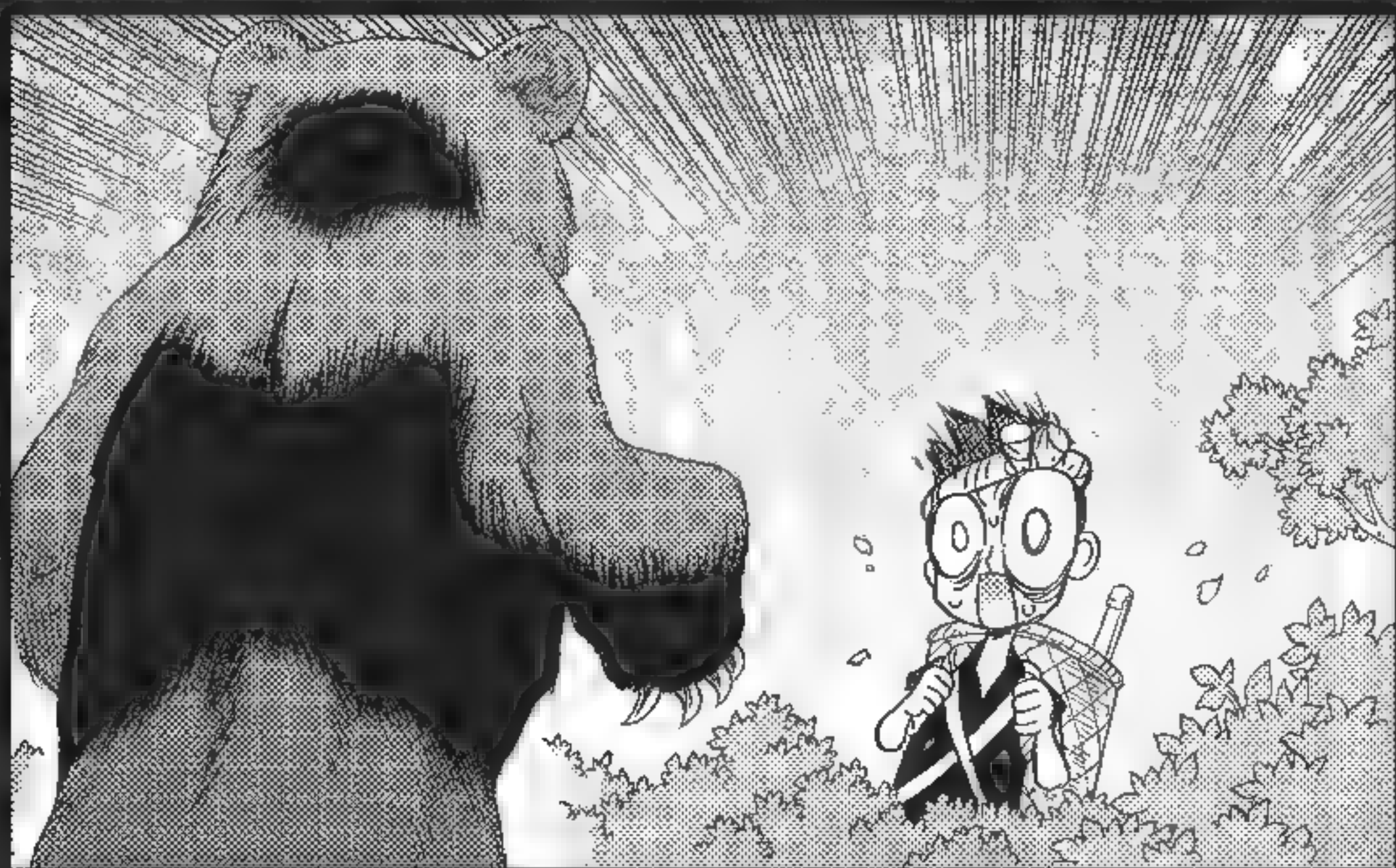
C'MON,  
BRAIN.  
THINK!

HOW CAN  
SCIENCE GET  
US OUTTA  
THIS PINCH?

I'VE GOT  
UNTIL...

...THIS DEADLY  
ASCENT CAUSES  
MY BRAIN TO  
CRAP OUT  
FROM ALTITUDE  
SICKNESS.









...AND POP  
OUT THE  
OTHER  
SIDE!

WE'LL  
USE OUR  
BRAINS AND  
HEART...

...TO  
PLUNGE  
RIGHT  
INTO IT...

RIGHT  
THROUGH  
THE CLOUD  
DEVIL!!

**BOOM**

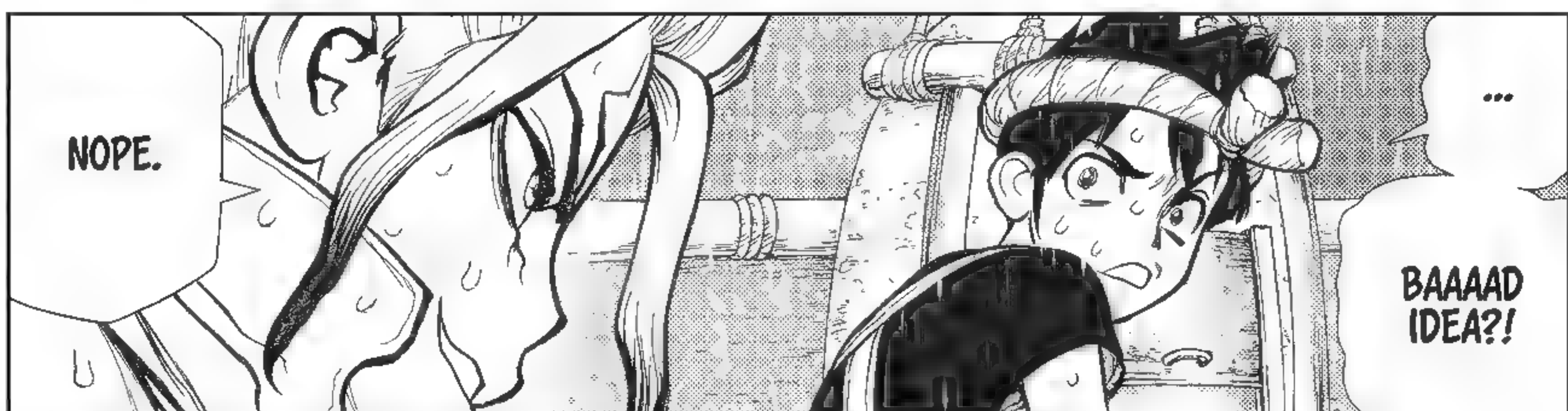


...CAN  
BEAT THIS  
FEAR!!

BRAINS  
AND  
HEART...

THEN...

WE  
CAN'T  
RUN,  
HUH?



NOPE.

...  
BAAAAD  
IDEA?!



DAMMIT,  
CHROME...

GOOD  
WORK!!



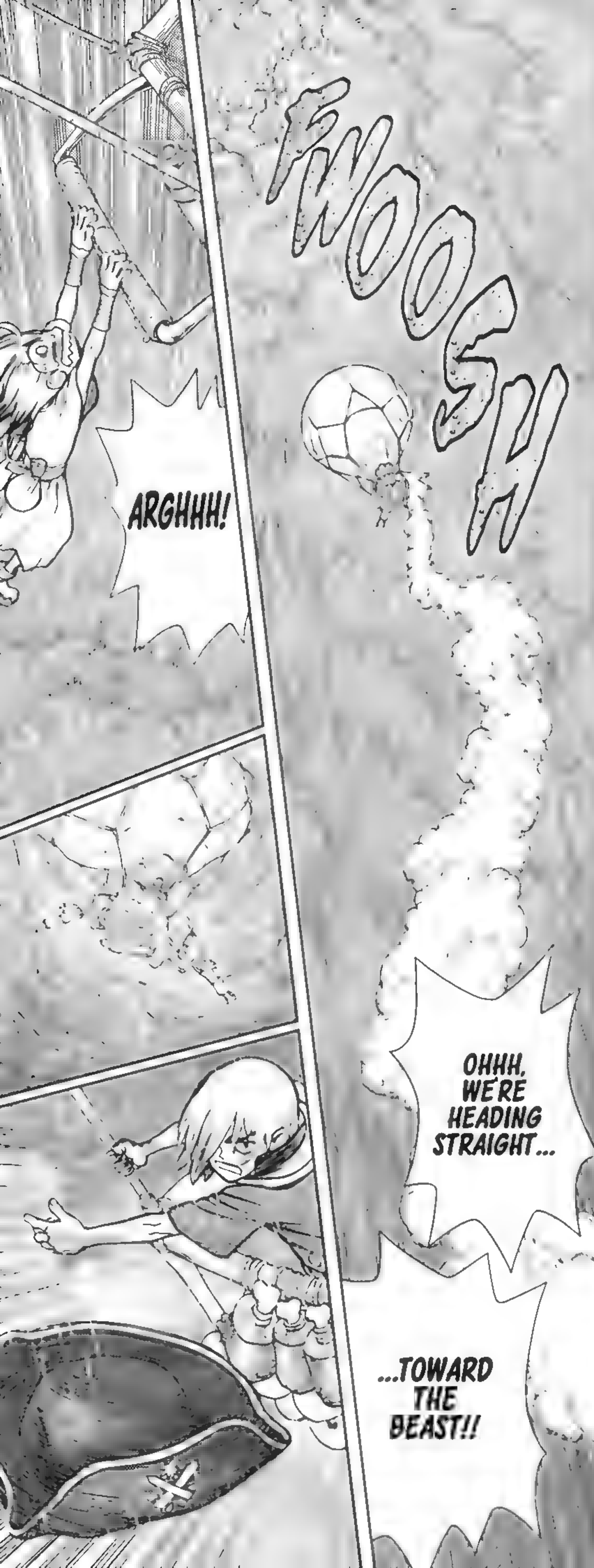
...AND PIERCE  
STRAIGHT  
THROUGH  
THE STILL-  
GROWING  
CUMULO-  
NIMBUS.

WE'LL  
BE REALLY  
HIGH UP, WITH  
JUST BARELY  
ENOUGH  
OXYGEN TO  
STAY ALERT.

HEH  
HEH HEH...  
IF DROPPING  
DOWN'S NOT  
AN OPTION...

...WE CAN  
ROCKET UP  
ANOTHER  
FEW  
THOUSAND  
METERS...





ARGHHH!

WOOSH

OHhh,  
WE'RE  
HEADING  
STRAIGHT...

...TOWARD  
THE  
BEAST!!



BOOOON



HEH HEH  
HEH... OUR  
LAST BOTTLE.  
SO I HATE TO  
DO IT...

THE  
REVIVAL  
FLUID...

THE REVIVAL  
FLUID'S A  
COCKTAIL  
OF ALCOHOL  
AND NITRIC  
ACID, MAKING  
IT EXTRA  
FLAMMABLE.

...BUT WE  
NEED A  
BURST OF  
HEIGHT TO  
BEAT THAT  
CLOUD,  
RIGHT?

...THAT  
BROKE ME  
OUT OF  
STONE!!

WAIT  
...

THAT'S  
...



...JUST  
MAKES ME  
EVEN MORE  
HYPED...

SCARED  
YET?!

...FOR THE OIL  
WE'RE GONNA  
GET OUR  
HANDS ON!!

THIS  
ULTRA-  
POWERFUL  
LIQUID  
FUEL...



**POOF**

THERE'S  
A PATH  
THROUGH  
THE  
WINDS!!

I SEE  
IT!

THE  
UPDRAFT...

RYUSUI  
!!

SMASH ON  
THROUGH!

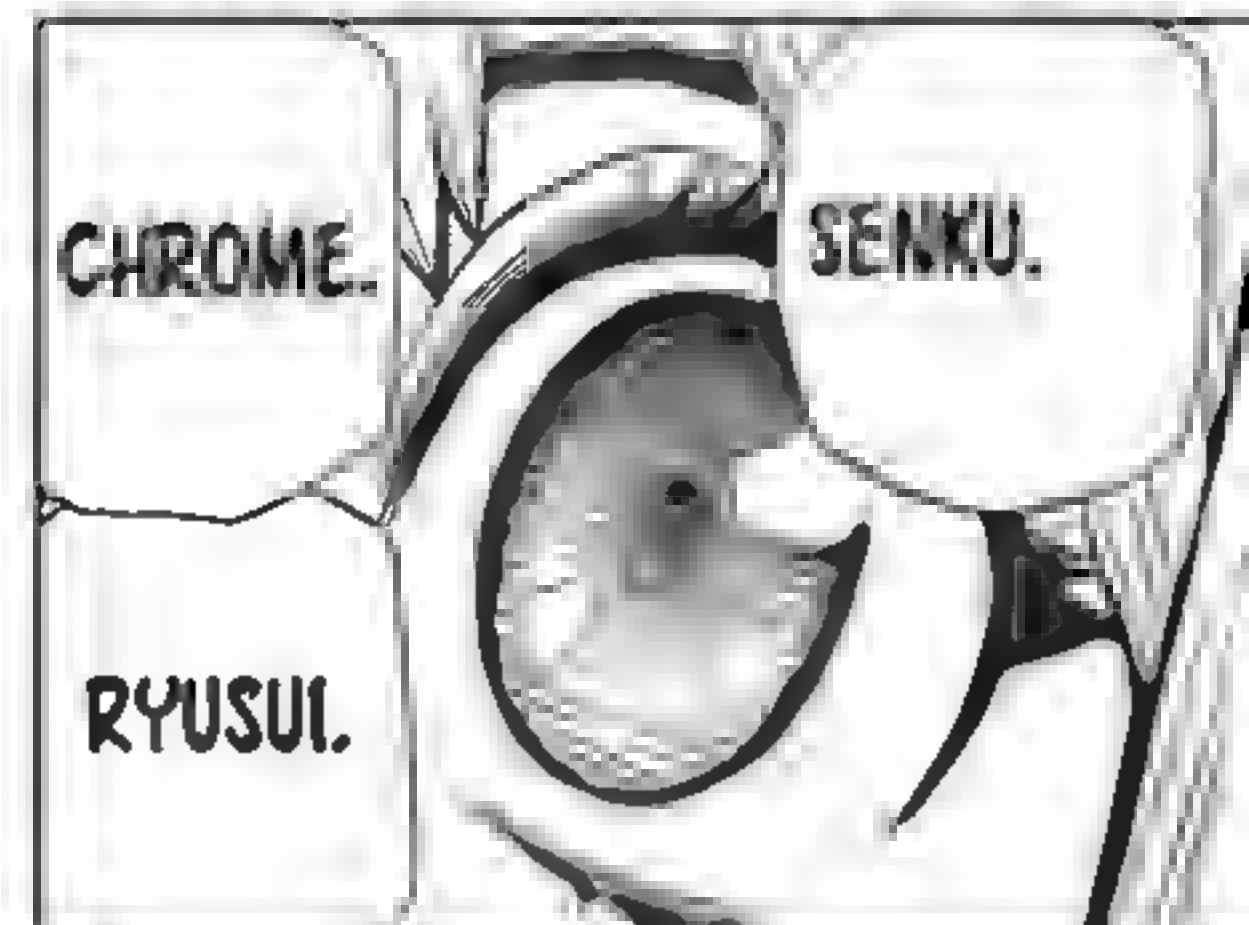
WE'RE GONNA  
BUST OUTTA  
THE CLOUD  
DEVIL'S  
NOGGIN'!!

TOSS  
EVERY  
LAST BIT  
OF FUEL IN  
THERE!

IN THIS  
WORLD...

...EVEN  
THE SKY  
IS MINE TO  
COMMAND!!







**Now the Bear Felt After Witnessing  
Chrome's Intimidating Aura**



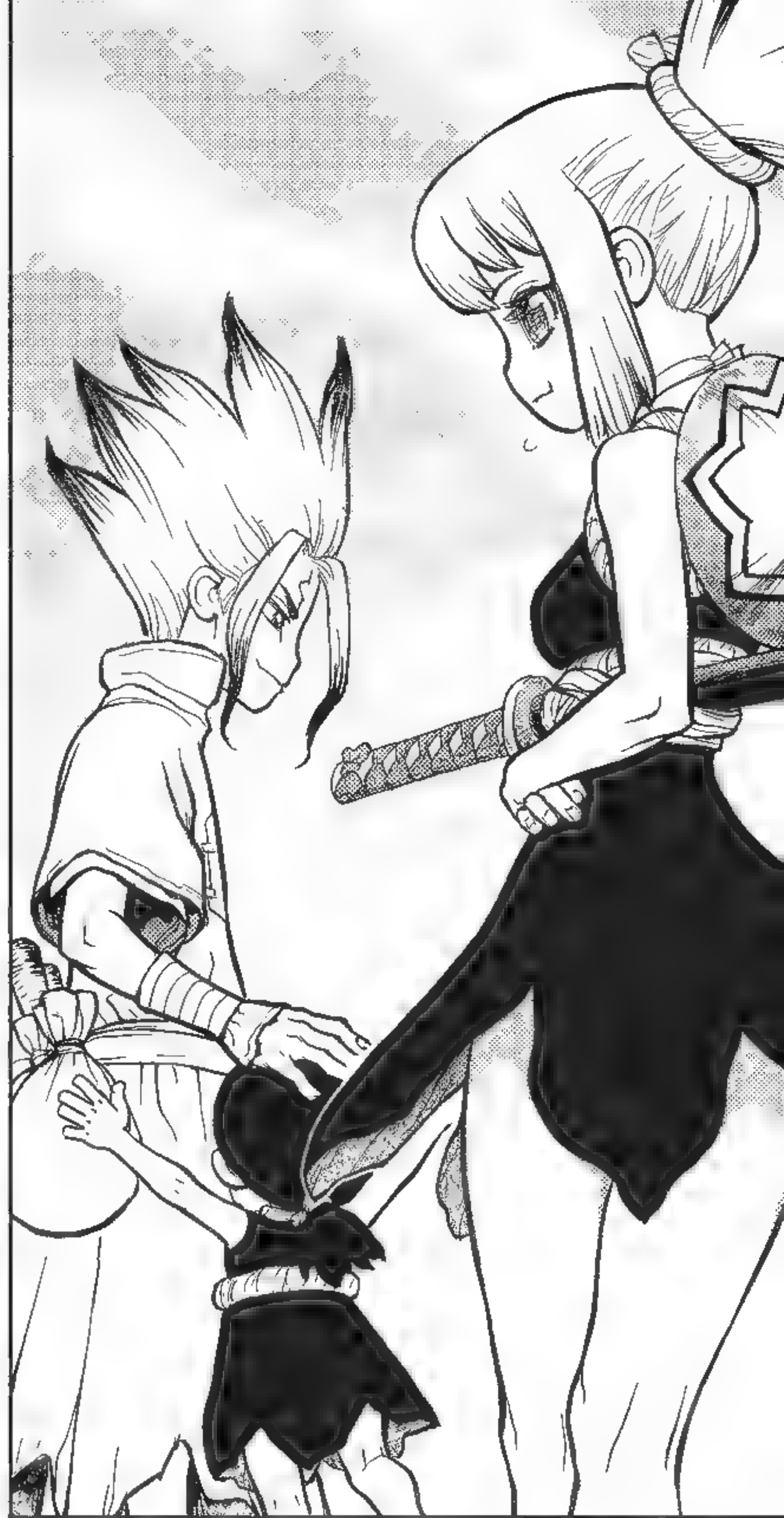
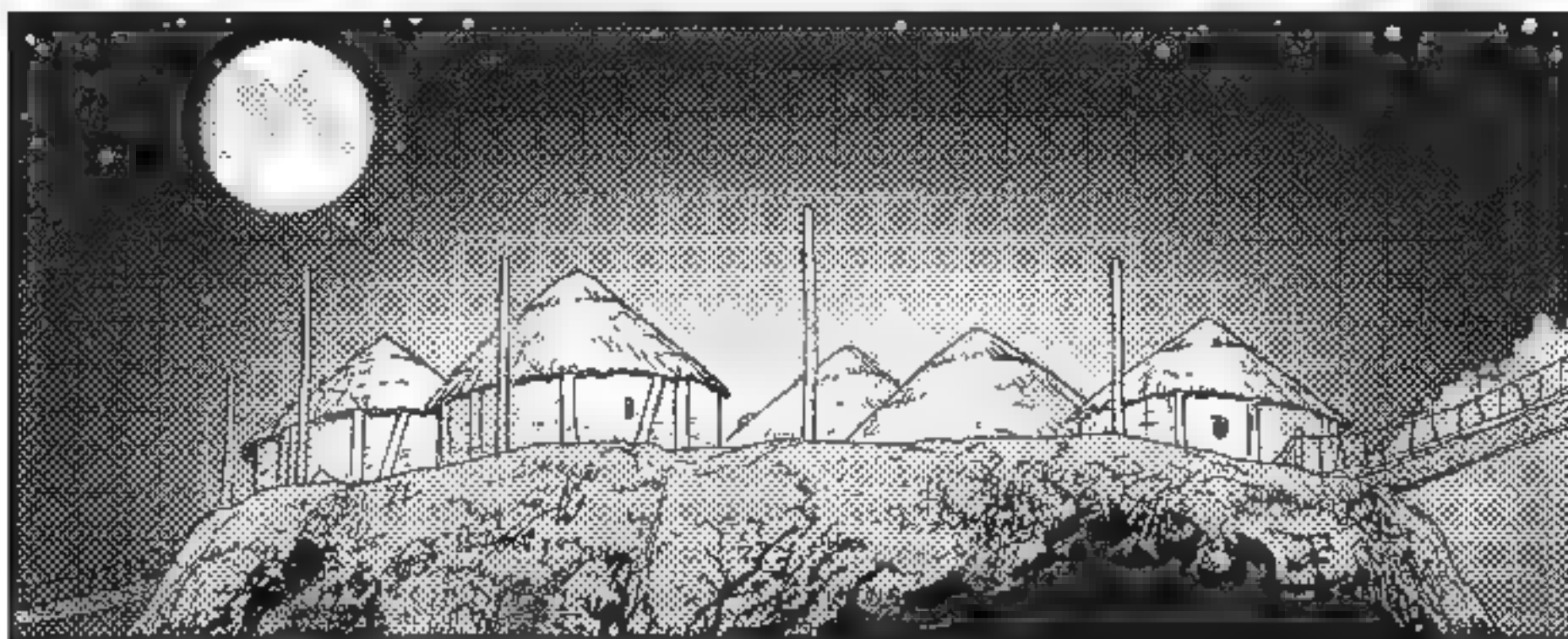
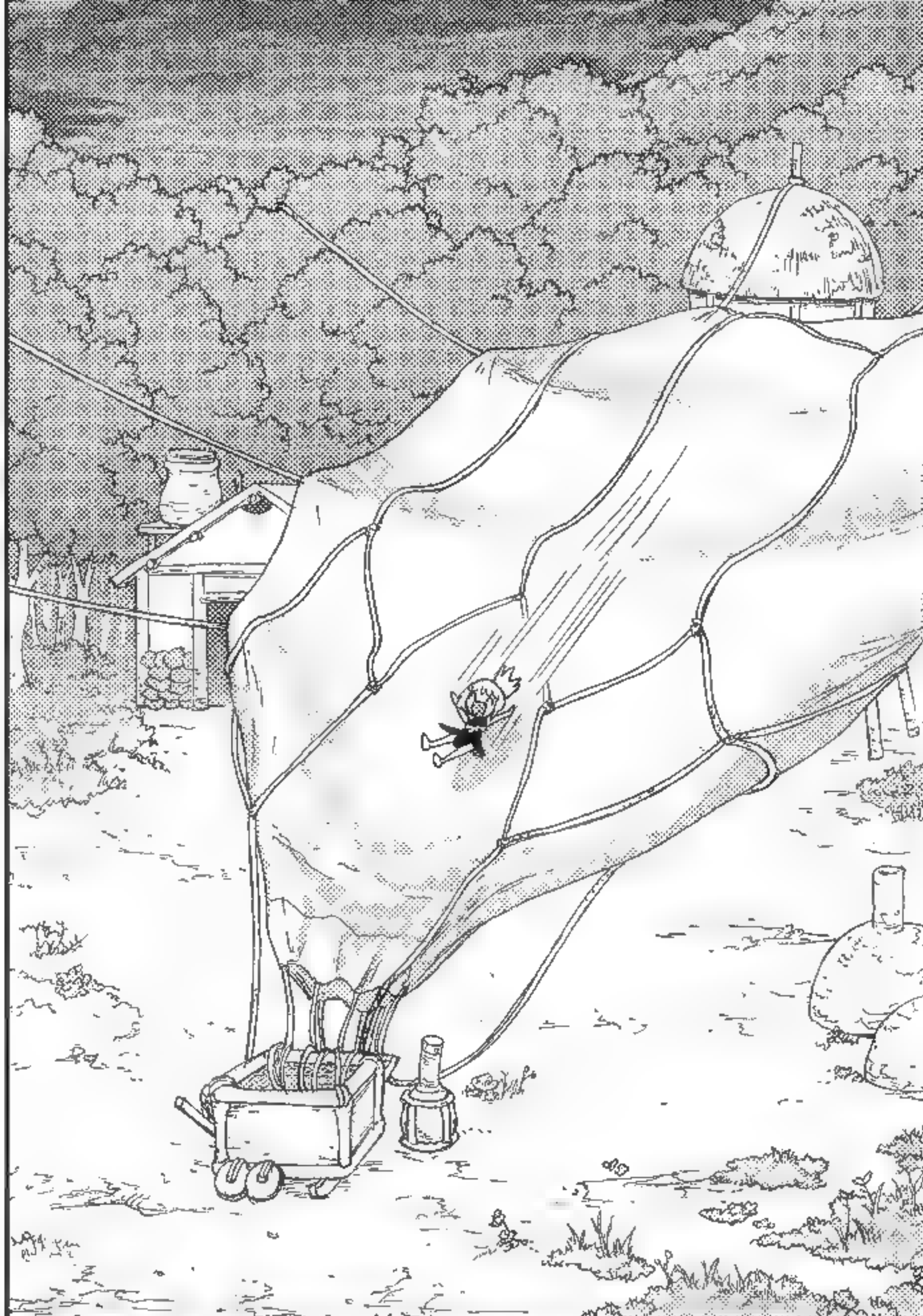
Humans  
are...so  
scary...



# Z=90: NEW WORLD MAP







THIS IS TO CELEBRATE...

THIS FANCY FEAST LOOKS DELICIOUS!!

WHAT A BAAAAD SPREAD!

...SENKU'S TRIUMPHANT RETURN TO ISHIGAMI.



OH?



**SNAP**

I GRACIOUSLY AWAIT A BEVY OF BEAUTIES TO SERVE ME!

US? BEAUTIES? WHAT A CHARMING YOUNG MAN.



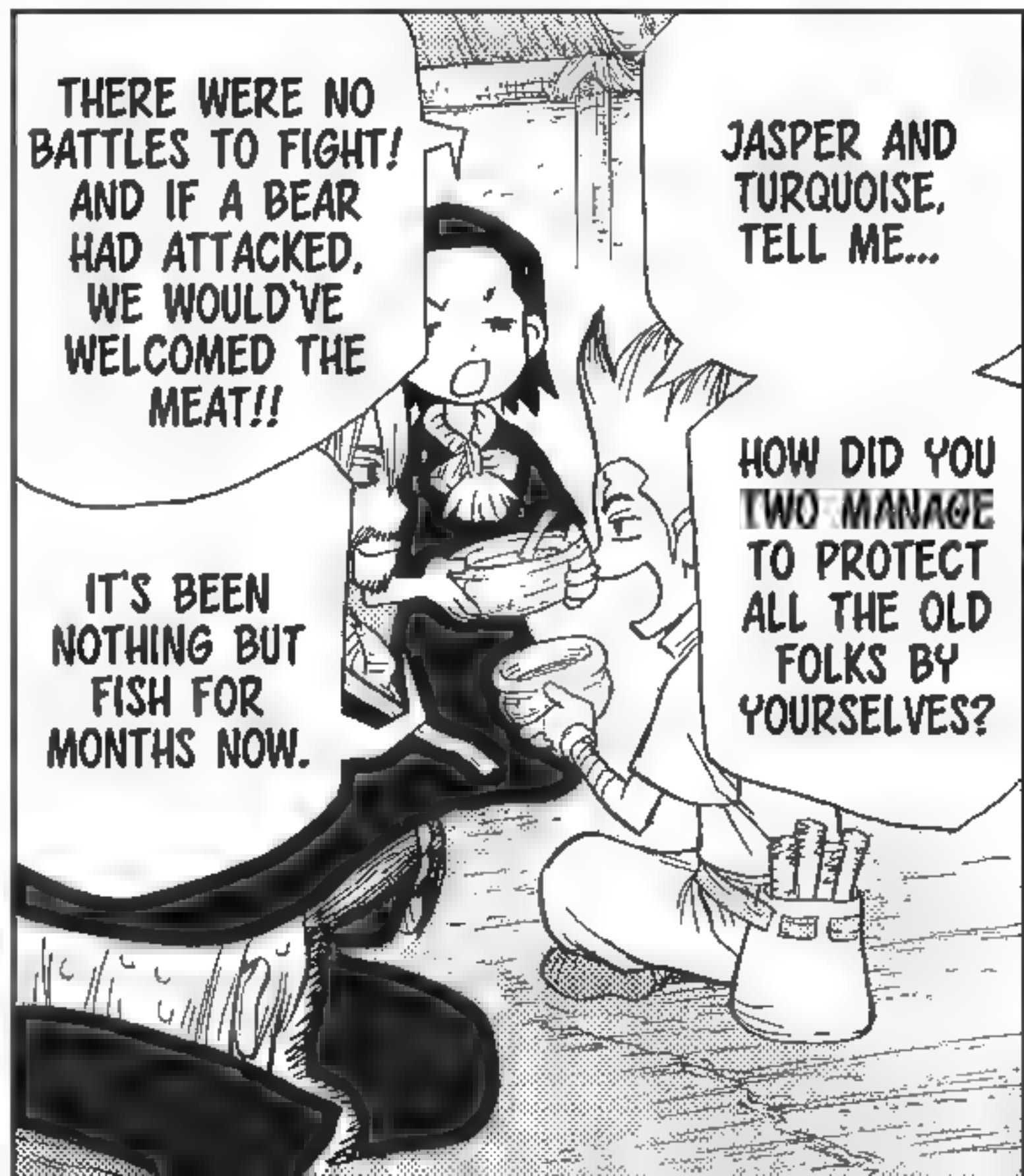


HUH?

SENKU, BE  
STRAIGHT  
WITH ME...

HOW LONG  
ARE WE  
STAYING  
IN THIS  
VILLAGE?

COULD BE A  
GOOD YEAR OR  
TWO BEFORE  
WE FIND OIL...



THERE WERE NO  
BATTLES TO FIGHT!  
AND IF A BEAR  
HAD ATTACKED,  
WE WOULD'VE  
WELCOMED THE  
MEAT!!

IT'S BEEN  
NOTHING BUT  
FISH FOR  
MONTHS NOW.

JASPER AND  
TURQUOISE,  
TELL ME...

HOW DID YOU  
TWO MANAGE  
TO PROTECT  
ALL THE OLD  
FOLKS BY  
YOURSELVES?





SAB

WOWWWW!

...FLYING  
THROUGH  
THE SKY!!

I'M  
REALLY  
TRULY...

I WILL,  
I WILL,  
I WILL,  
I WILL!!

THEN I'D  
BETTER  
FIND SOME  
BETTER  
FOOD FROM  
UP IN THE  
AIR TOO!!

I'VE BEEN  
THINKING  
LATELY ABOUT  
HOW THAT  
EXTREME GREED  
ISN'T SUCH  
A BAD THING  
IN THIS NEW  
WORLD.

HE SEEMS  
REALLY  
DETERMINED,  
HUH?

DO WHAT YOU  
GOTTA DO,  
CAPTAIN!!

YUP. IT  
CAN EVEN  
BE PRETTY  
DARN  
HELPFUL.



...AND  
MAP THE  
LANDSCAPE.  
ONE LITTLE  
BIT AT A  
TIME.

FOR NOW,  
WE'LL WORK  
BY PHONE  
WITH THE  
GROUND  
TEAM...

UNTIL WE  
CLOSE IN  
ON THAT  
OIL FIELD!

P-P-PLAYFUL?  
NO WAY!

IT'S CUTE  
TO SEE OUR  
MIGHTY  
LIONESS ACTING  
AS PLAYFUL  
AS A KITTEN.  
BUT...

I HAVEN'T  
HEARD YOU  
MAKE A  
LIONESS  
CRACK IN A  
WHILE...  
IT'S STILL  
NOT APPRECI-  
ATED!!

...GET  
BACK TO  
WORK!

SURVEYING  
THE GROUND  
IS ALSO  
IMPORTANT.

HE'S RIGHT,  
THOUGH. WE'RE  
COUNTING  
ON YOUR  
SUPER VISION,  
KOHAKU!!

OTHERWISE  
I'D BE THE  
ONE RIDING  
IN THE  
BALLOON!

SURE,  
THERE'S  
A SLIM  
CHANCE...

...BUT  
SCIENCE  
AIN'T ABOUT  
RELYING  
ON LUCK.

THIS OIL  
FIELD WE'RE  
SEARCHING  
FOR...

COULDN'T  
WE JUST  
SPOT IT  
FROM THE  
AIR?

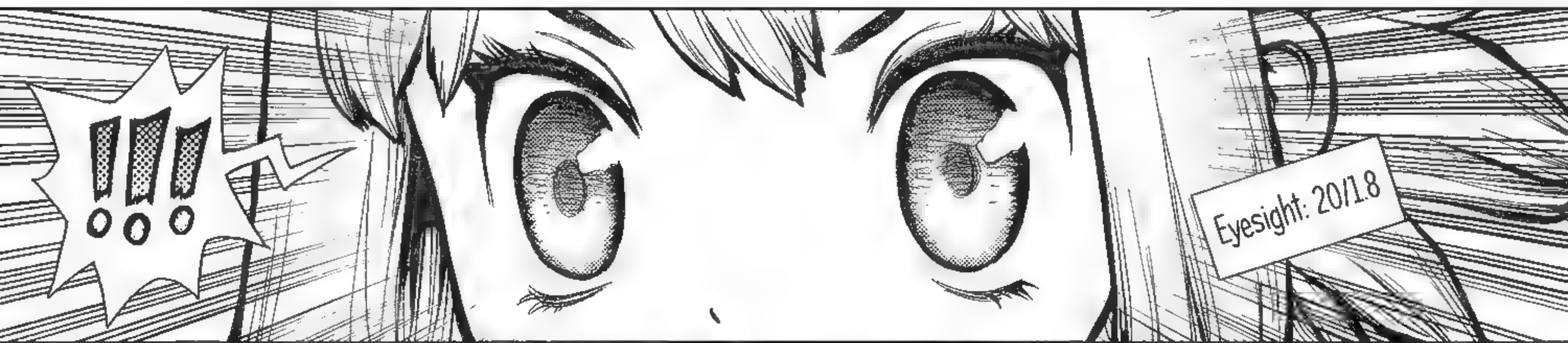
$E=mc^2$





**...TO  
CHART  
THIS  
NEW  
WORLD!!**

**WE'LL USE  
OUR OWN  
EYES AND  
HANDS...**



**!!!**

Eyesight: 201.8



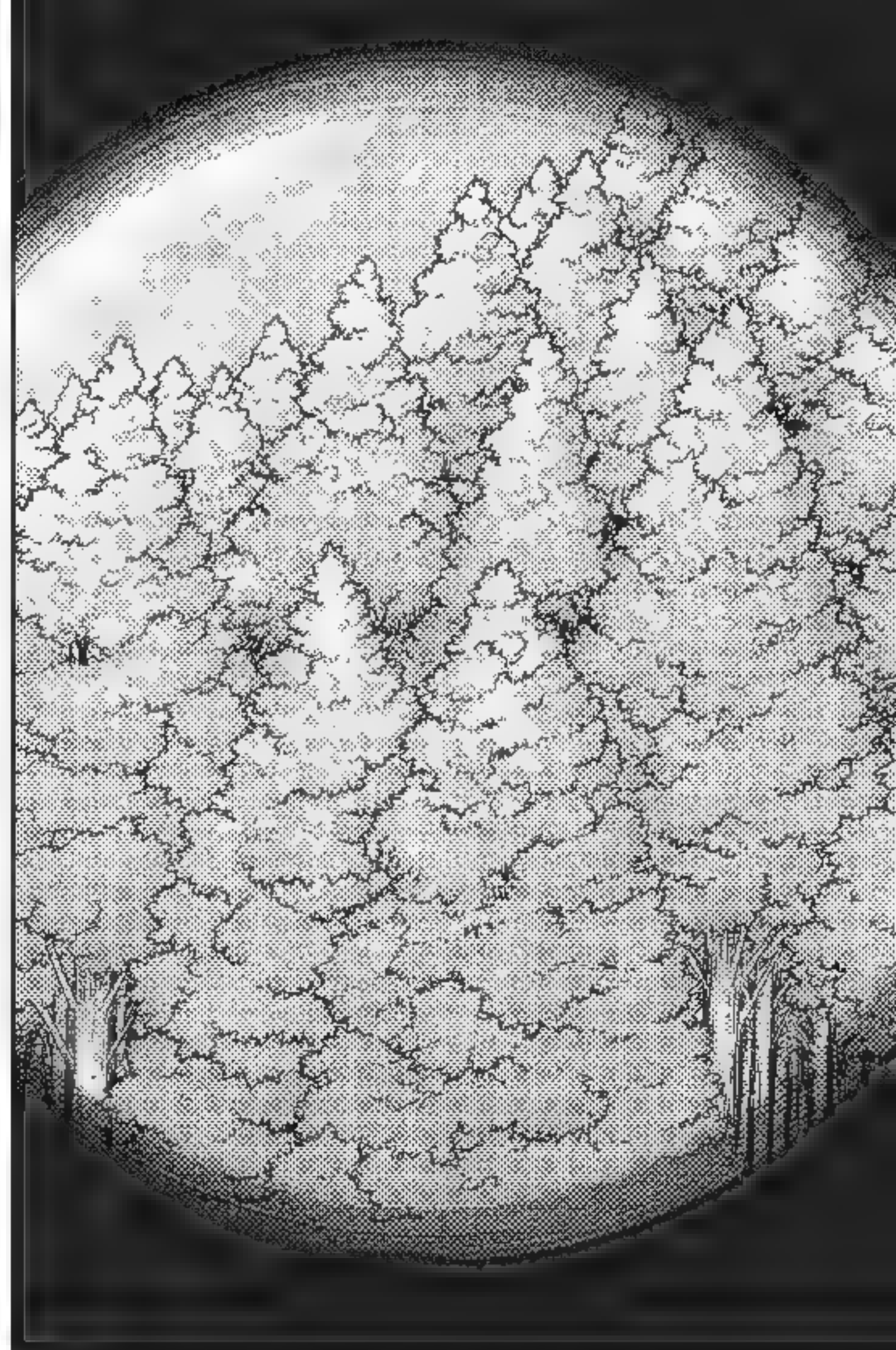
**IS IT  
FOOD?  
WHERE?!**

**SHUP**

**LOOK  
AT THAT  
FOREST!**

**HMM!**







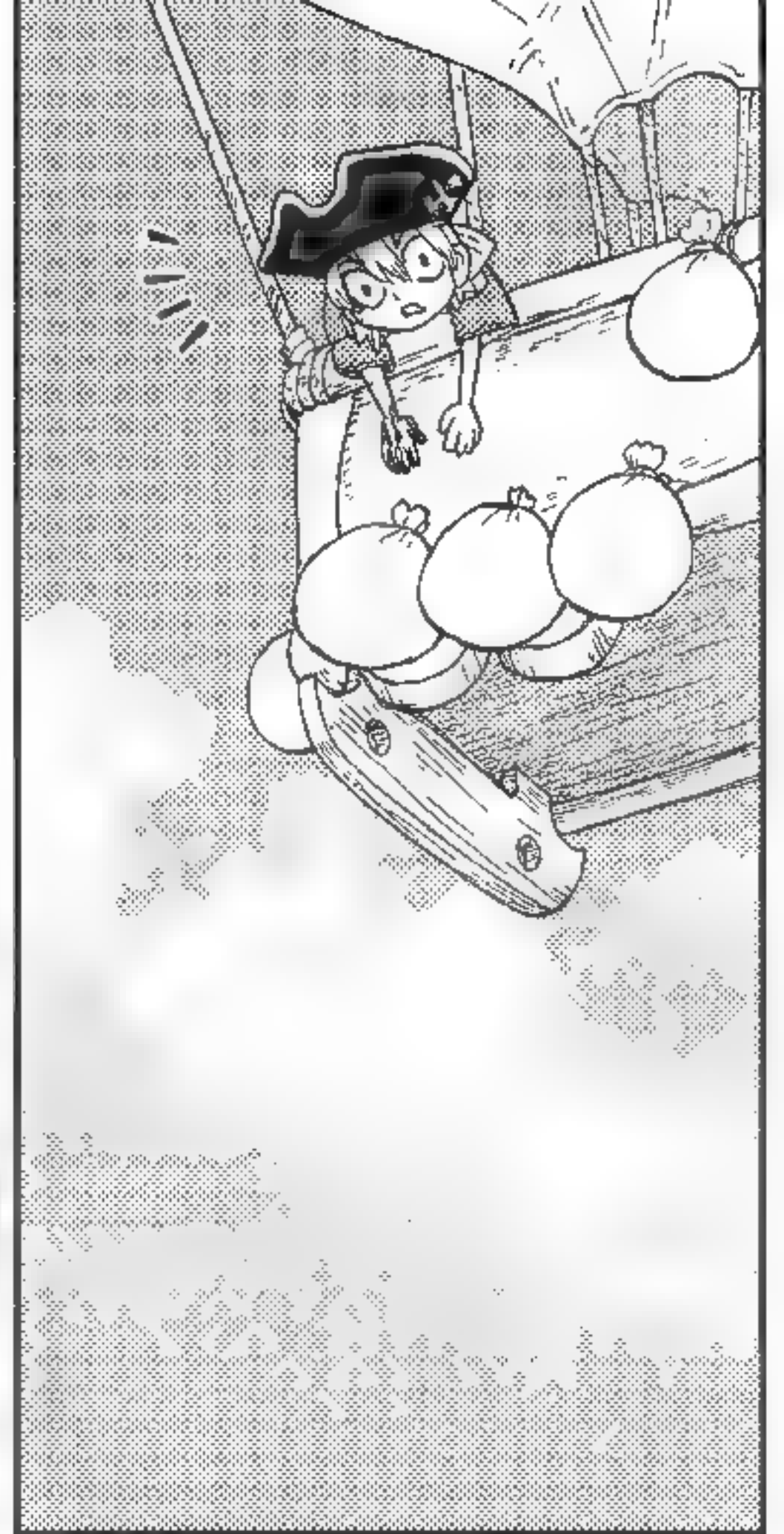


A HERD  
OF WILD  
ANIMALS?!

HUH?

SOME-  
THING'S  
MOVING.

MY  
CAPTAIN'S  
INTUITION  
STRIKES  
AGAIN!



MUST BE A  
BUNCH OF  
GOATS THAT  
WENT WILD  
OVER TIME!!

MEOW  
MEOW  
MEOW

I'VE  
LOCATED  
AN OLD ONE  
THAT...

...GOT  
SEPARATED  
FROM THE  
REST OF  
THE HERD.



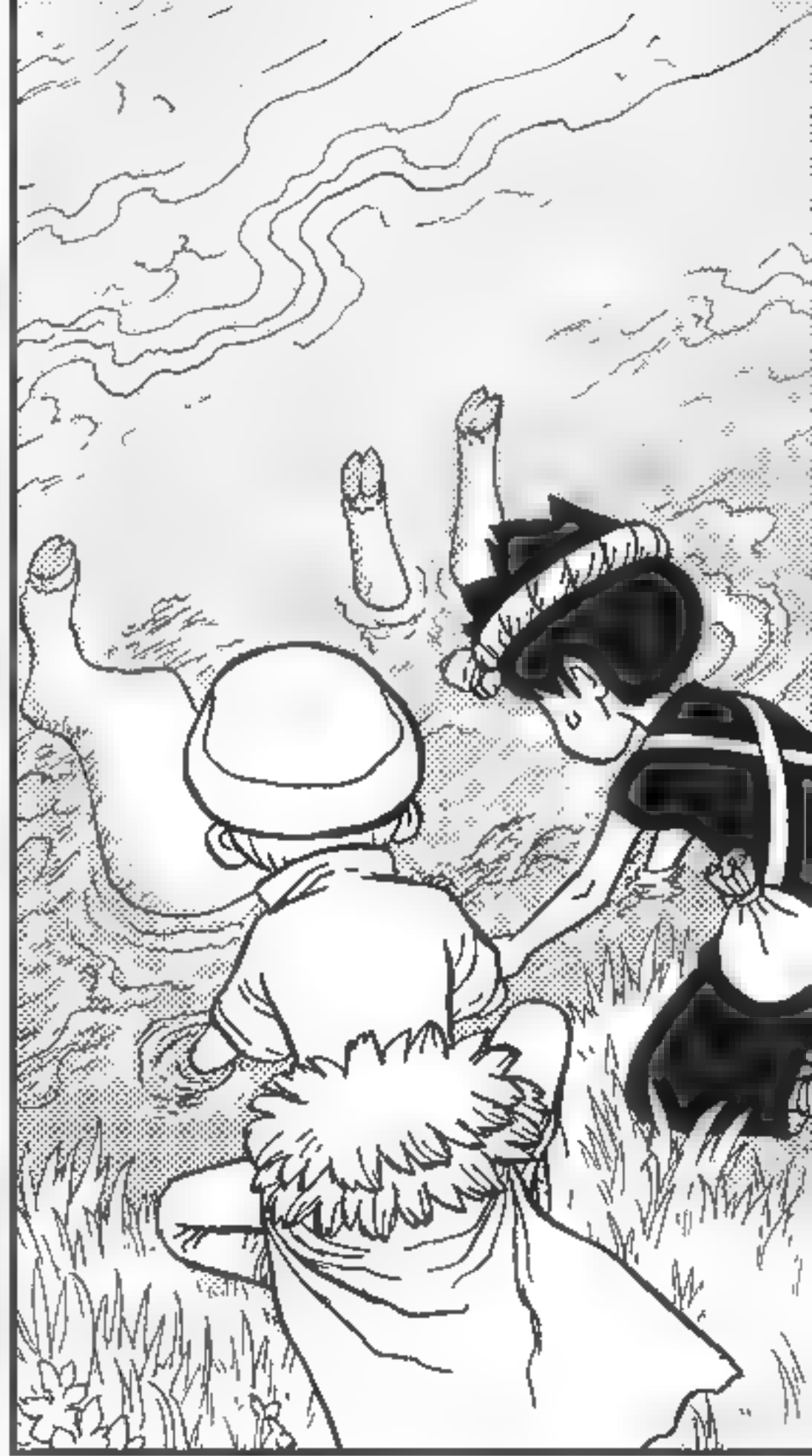
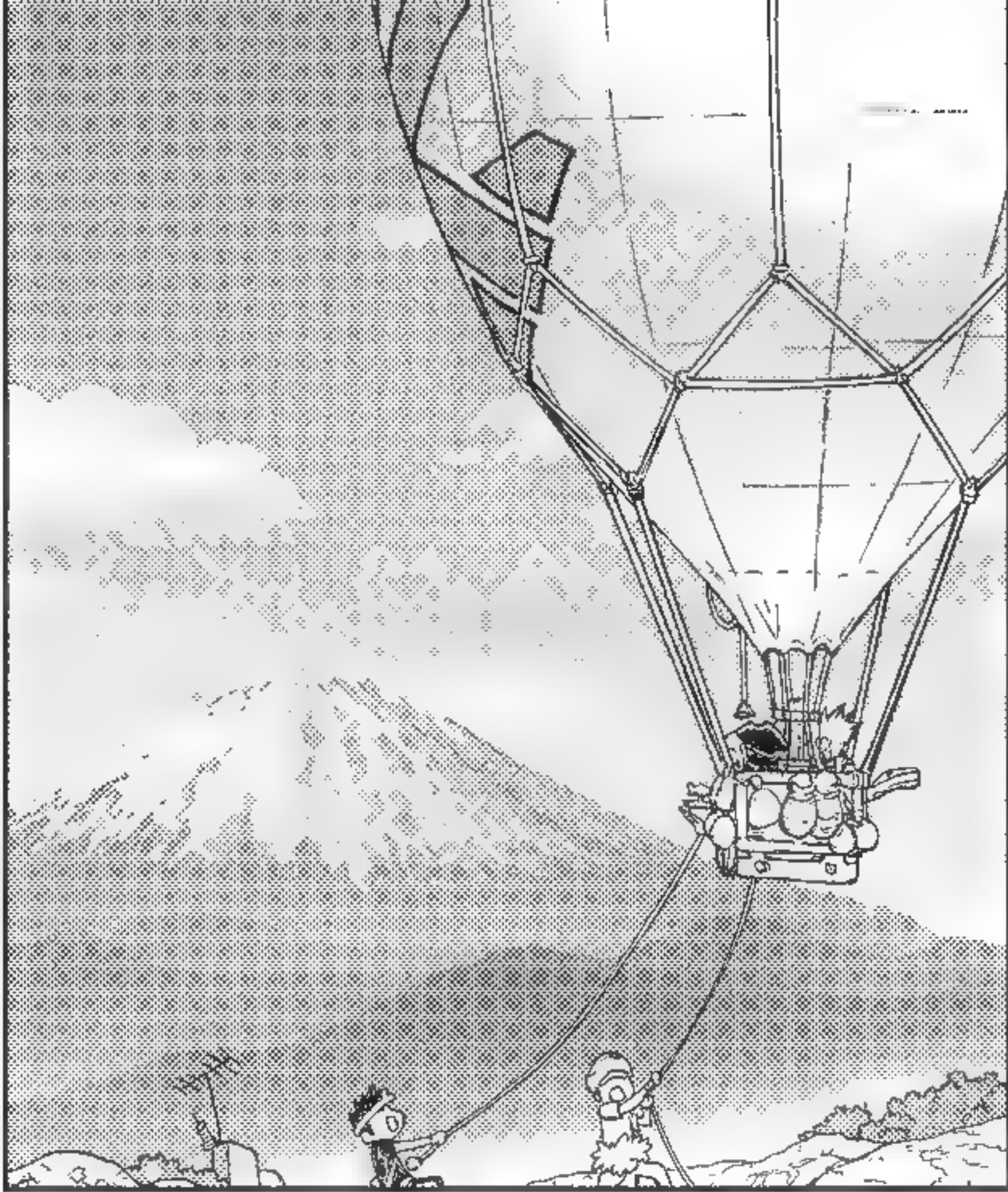
WE WILL  
ENJOY  
EVERY  
LAST  
BITE.

BUT YOUR  
SACRIFICE  
WILL NOT  
BE MADE  
IN VAIN.

I'M  
SORRY,  
FRIEND.

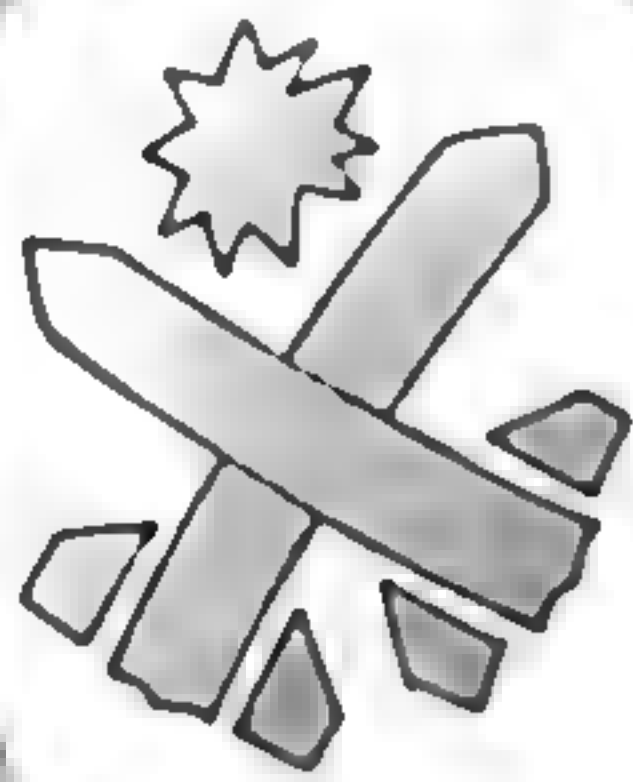




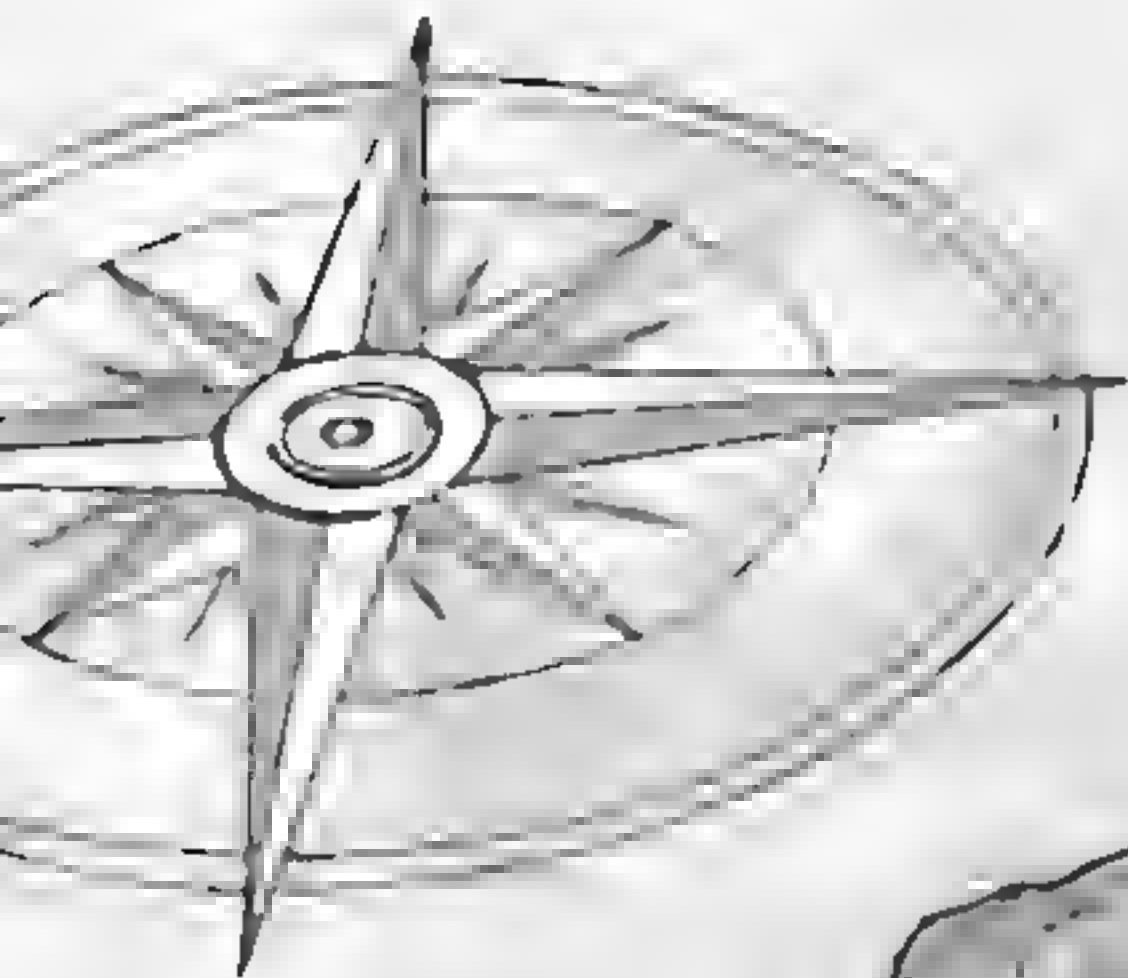




# NEW WORLD MAP



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MT FUJI

WOLFENBUTTEL LAKE

WOLFENBUTTEL LAKE

GOAT FLOCK

CEGAR GROVE

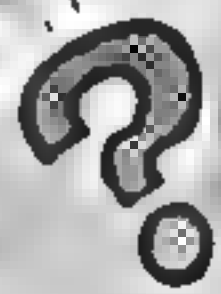
OHO  
HO  
HO  
...

FREEDER

MIRACLE CAVE

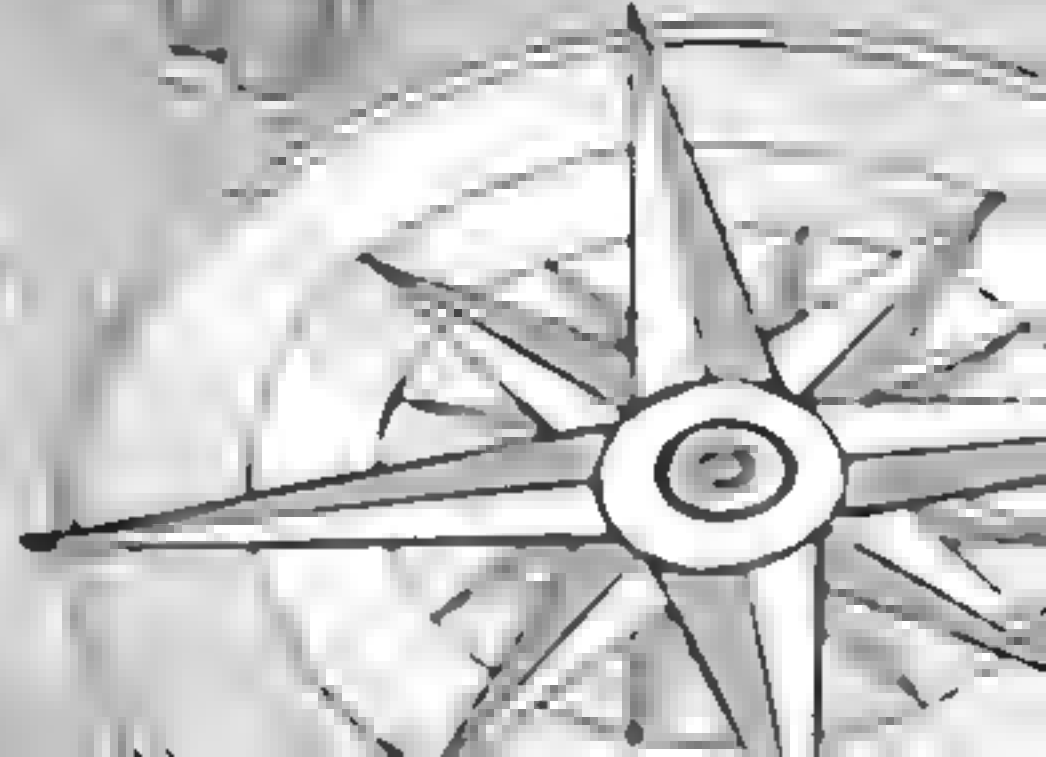
PUINS

SAGADA  
OIL FIELD



PHILADELPHIA VILLAGE

N







**I'VE NEVER  
SEEN  
ANYTHING  
LIKE IT...**

**A MAP  
WITH SO  
MUCH  
DETAIL!**

**OH!!!**

**ISN'T THIS  
SOMETHING!!**



**KRAKL**

**KRAKL**

**AND ONCE  
WE MAP  
OUT MORE  
FOOD  
SPOTS...**

**...YOU PEOPLE  
WON'T HAVE TO  
ENDURE ALL THAT  
CRUDE FISH ANY  
LONGER!**

**THAT'S ALL  
THE DATA  
WE GOT  
FROM THE  
SKY!**



**THANKS TO  
THIS...**

**...WE WON'T  
LOSE ANOTHER  
SOUL TO  
STARVATION  
FROM NOW ON.**

**SCIENCE  
IS SO  
WONDERFUL.**









BEFORE I  
WAS BORN...

...THE VILLAGE  
USED TO BE  
MUCH BIGGER.

BUT MANY  
PERISHED  
DURING ONE  
PARTICULARLY  
BAD YEAR WHEN  
THE FISH WERE  
SCARCE.

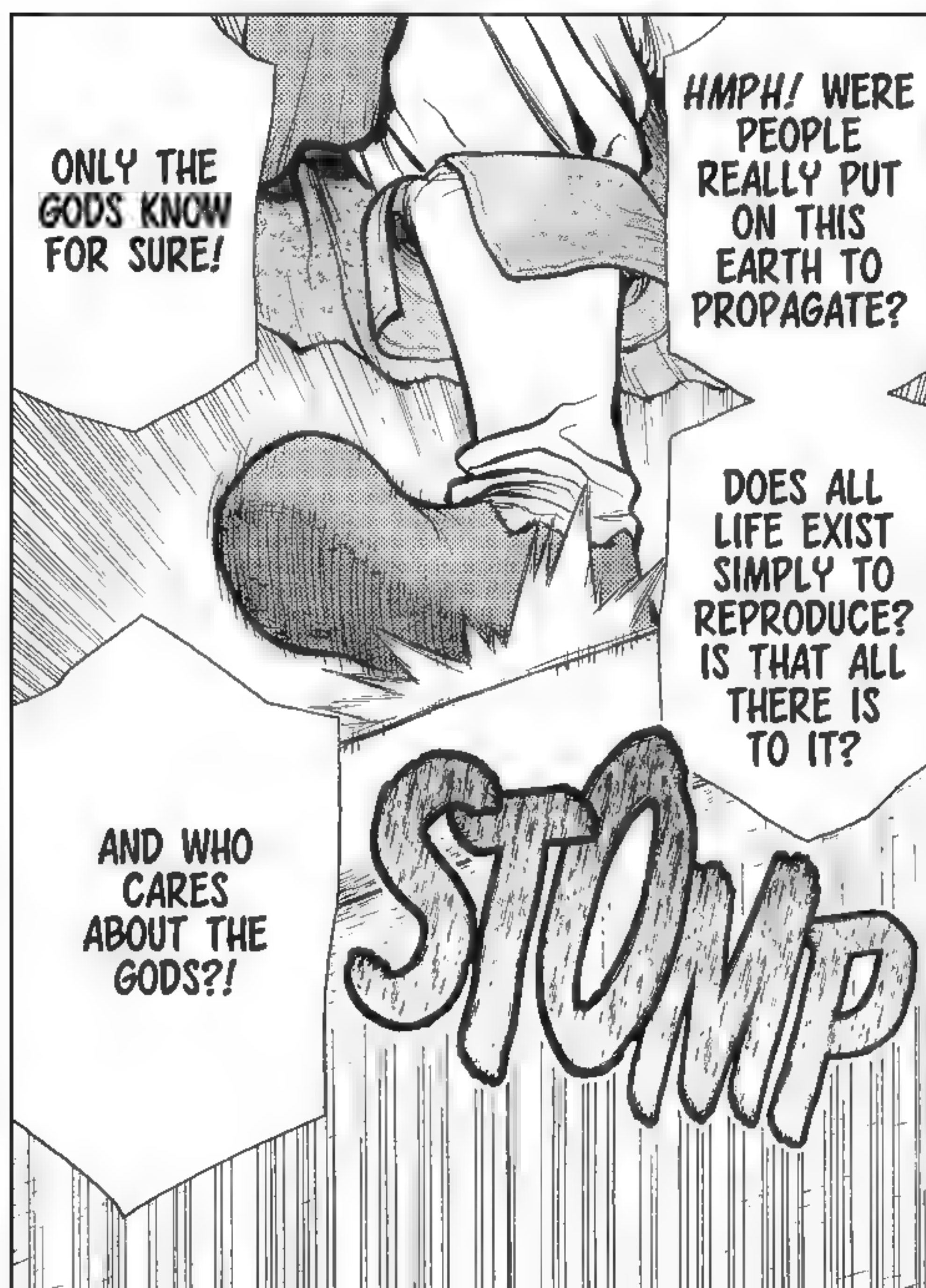
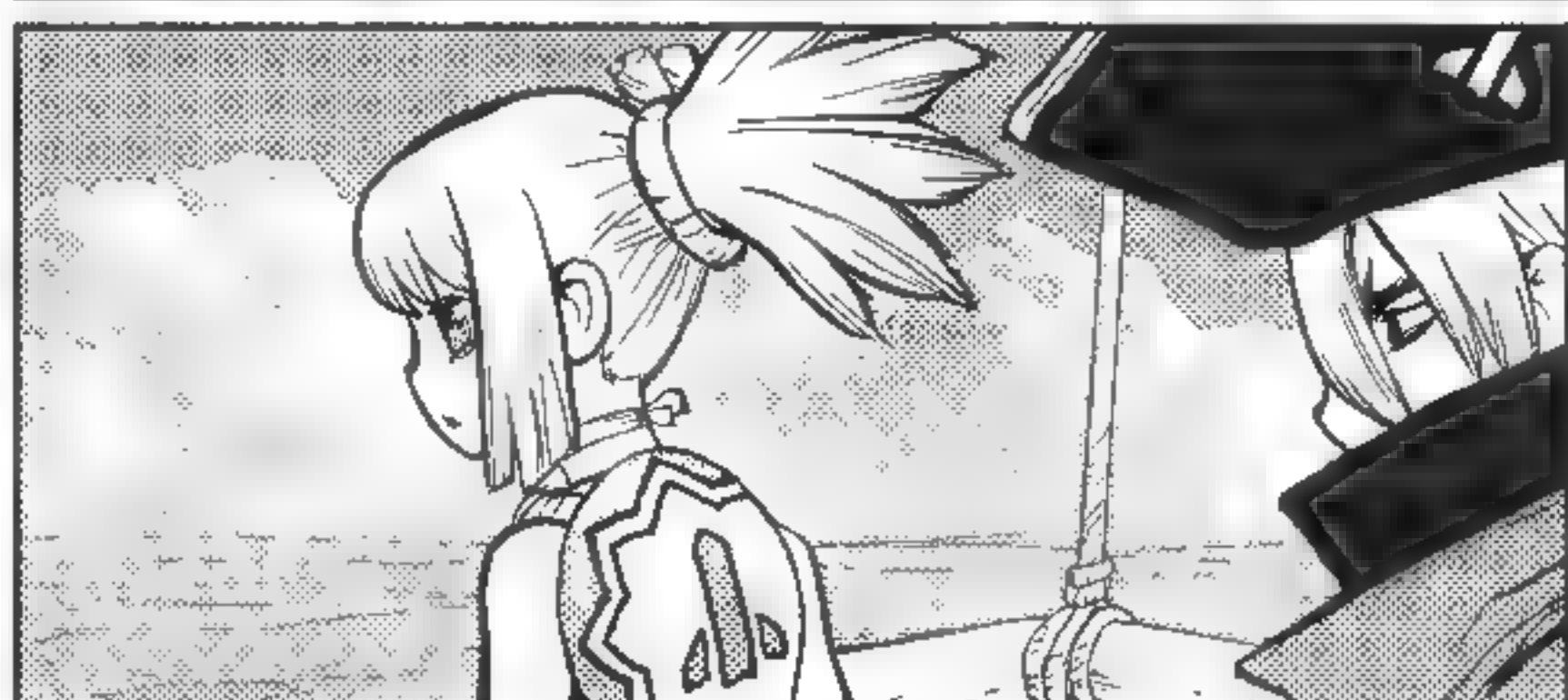
TURQUOISE'S  
WHOLE FAMILY,  
AND MANY  
OTHERS AS  
WELL...

THAT'S WHAT  
I HEARD,  
ANYWAY.



...OF FOOD  
SHORTAGES.

AM I  
WRONG?



ONLY THE  
GODS KNOW  
FOR SURE!

HMPH! WERE  
PEOPLE  
REALLY PUT  
ON THIS  
EARTH TO  
PROPAGATE?

DOES ALL  
LIFE EXIST  
SIMPLY TO  
REPRODUCE?  
IS THAT ALL  
THERE IS  
TO IT?

AND WHO  
CARES  
ABOUT THE  
GODS?!

**STOP**




THERE'S A  
LIMIT TO HOW  
FAR HUNTING  
AND FISHING  
CAN GET YOU.

IF WE WANNA  
GROW, WE'RE  
GONNA NEED  
AGRICULTURE!  
FARMING!

HEH HEH HEH...  
PLANTS KNOW  
HOW THIS GAME  
WORKS. THEY  
WANNA GROW  
TOO, SO THEY  
MAKE IT WORTH  
OUR WHILE.

HUMANITY  
BASICALLY  
STARTED  
WORKING FOR  
THE PLANTS!





**WE'LL  
FIND THE  
SEEDS OF  
LIFE FROM  
UP IN THE  
SKY!!**

**IT  
BEGINS  
HERE.  
SENKU...**

**YOUR AGE OF  
AGRICULTURE!!**



**AS FOR  
ME...**

**...I JUST HATE  
TO SEE THOSE  
BEAUTIFUL  
LADIES SHED  
TEARS.**

**AND I'M  
THE GREEDIEST  
GUY ON EARTH,  
SO I GET WHAT  
I WANT!!**









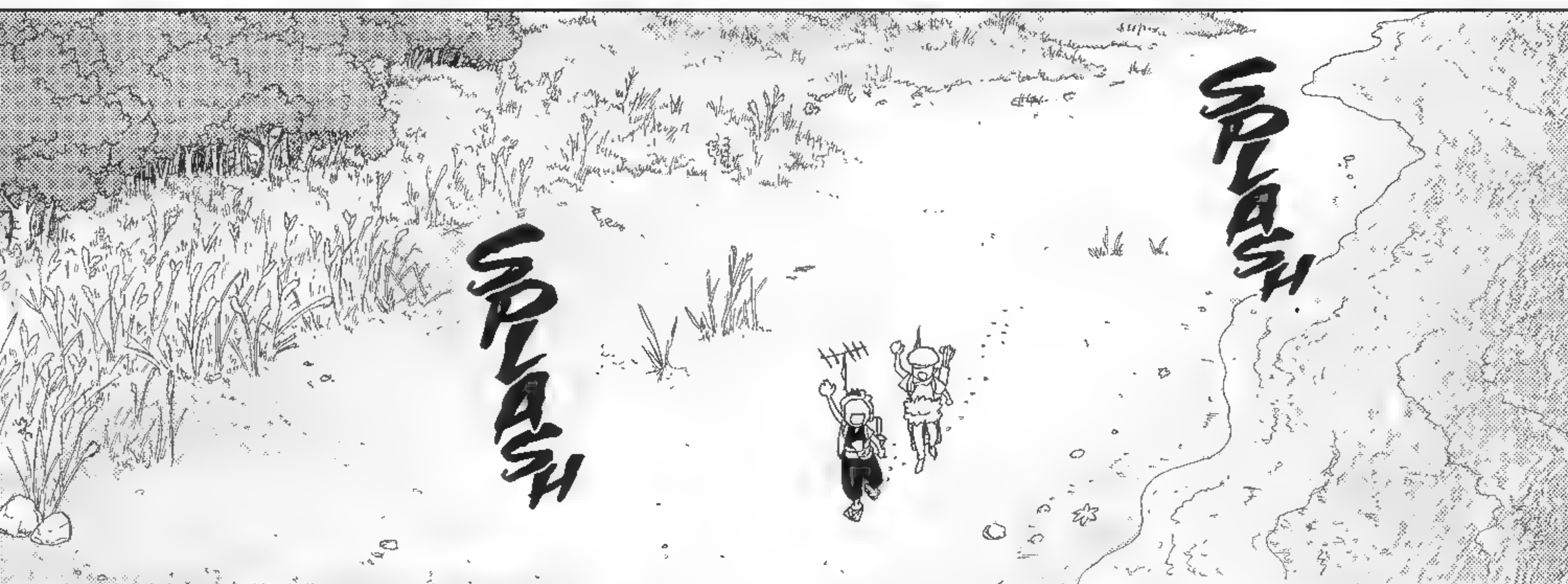
I WONDER  
WHAT IT IS?

THEY'RE  
SAYING THAT  
SOME-  
THING'S...

...GROWING  
DOWN BY  
THE COAST.



KZZT  
KZZT



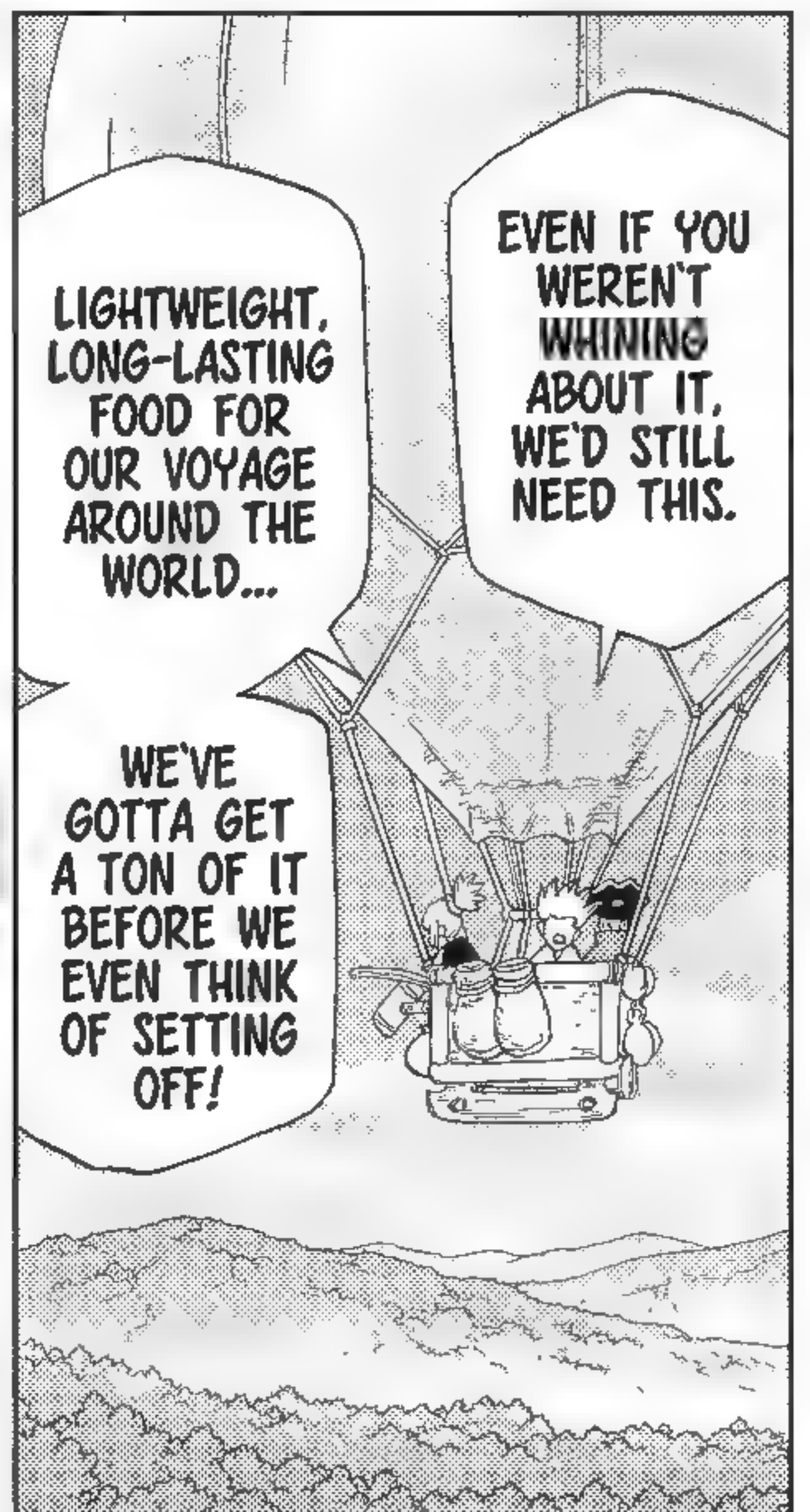
SPLASH

SPLASH



THE  
GOLDEN  
FOXTAILS  
!!

THEY'RE  
GROWING  
RIGHT  
OVER  
HERE.



LIGHTWEIGHT,  
LONG-LASTING  
FOOD FOR  
OUR VOYAGE  
AROUND THE  
WORLD...

EVEN IF YOU  
WEREN'T  
WHINING  
ABOUT IT,  
WE'D STILL  
NEED THIS.

WE'VE  
GOTTA GET  
A TON OF IT  
BEFORE WE  
EVEN THINK  
OF SETTING  
OFF!





**FROM NOW  
ON, WE'LL  
CULTIVATE...**

**...WITH  
OUR OWN  
HANDS!!**

**...THE  
FOOD WE  
EAT...**



**WE'RE  
MAKING  
BREAD?!**

**IT'S  
WHEAT!**



**I KNEW WE'D  
FIND SOME IN  
THE WILD IF  
WE SEARCHED  
FROM ABOVE.**

**Give this stubborn  
plant credit for  
surviving the salty  
sea air!**

**THIS STRIP  
HAD TO BE  
FERTILE  
ENOUGH TO  
SUSTAIN A  
HERD OF  
GOATS.**







**MECHA  
SENKU**

# Q & A

**SEARCH**

Question Corner

**Ryusui says that all women are beautiful,  
but does he have a specific type?**



Ami-chan from Tokyo

**SEARCH**

*I like them all! Yes, even you!!*

**Is there any type of woman Ryusui is not into?**



M.I. from Tokyo

**SEARCH**

*Nope!!*

**How many people has Ryusui dated in his life?**



K.Y. from Kangawa Prefecture

**SEARCH**

*Every woman is a unique creature with her  
own charms. (The same goes for men!)  
In that sense, there really isn't a point in  
counting, right?!*



# Z=91: Need Bread? Start with Wheat

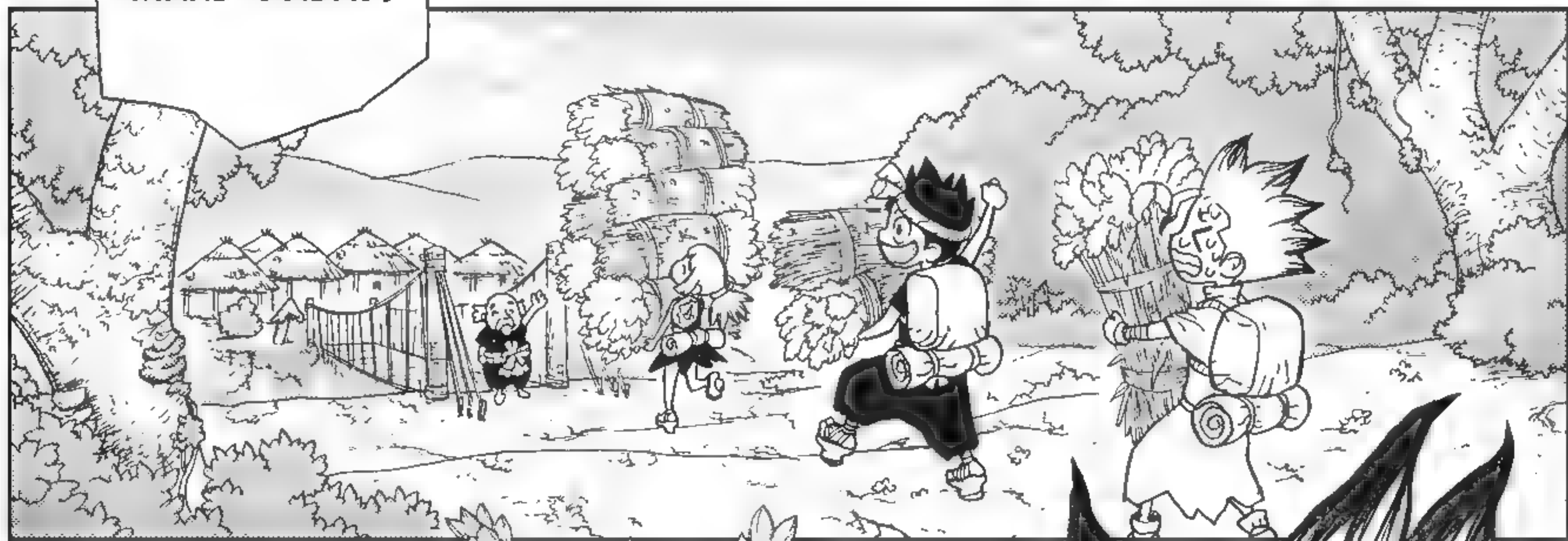
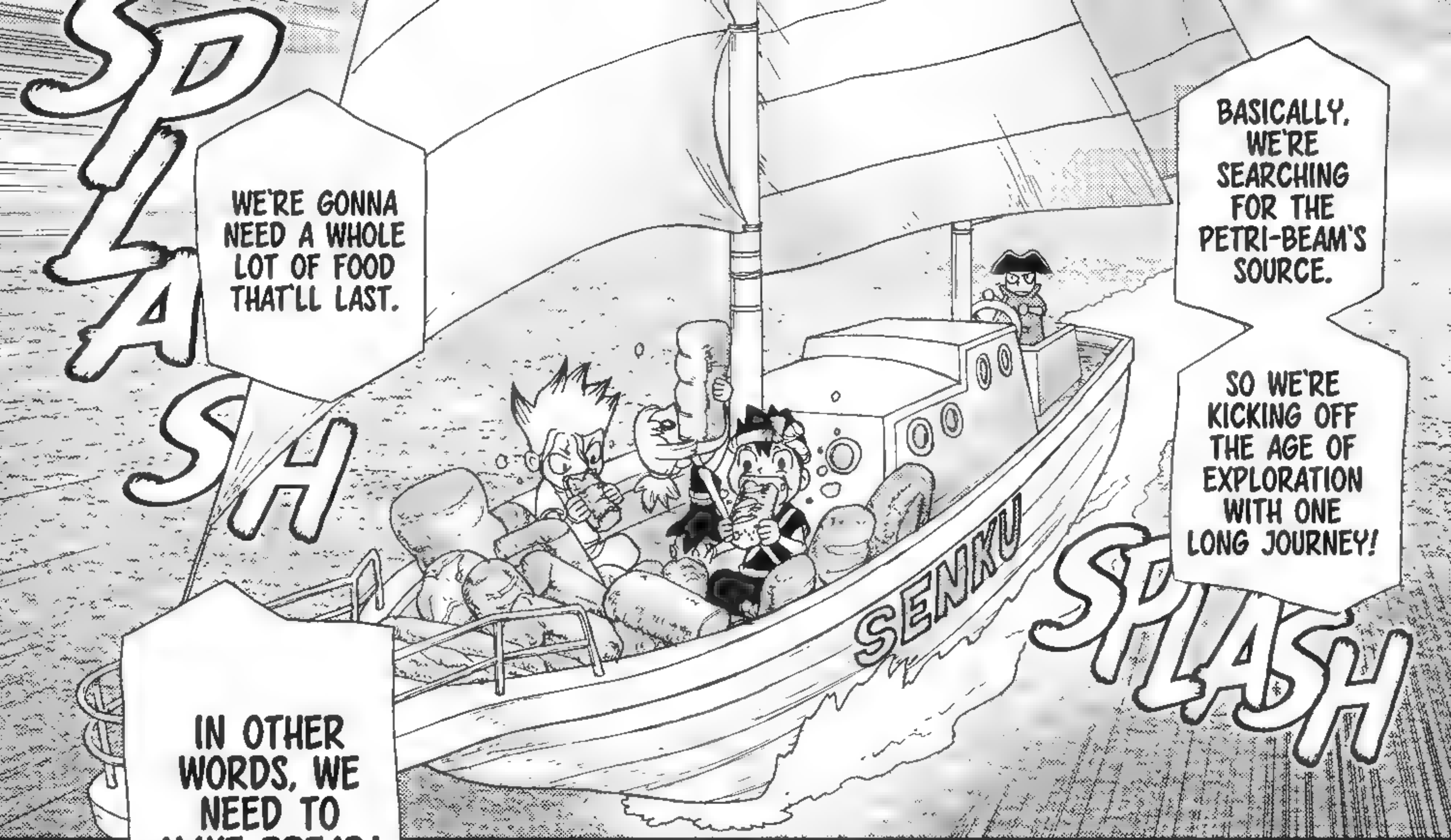


THE KING  
OF LONG-  
LASTING  
FOOD...

WE'RE  
MAKING  
BREAD!!

AND IF YOU  
NEED BREAD?  
JUST START  
WITH WHEAT!!













OUR FIELDS  
HAVE GOTTA  
BE ON THE  
PLAINS OF  
KANTO!

TAIJO  
AND THE  
GORILLA  
TEAM ARE  
GONNA  
HAVE A  
BLAST!!

HM...  
FOOD'S  
THE  
PROBLEM?

WE CAN'T  
GO ABOUT  
JUST  
REVIVING  
WHOEVER.

WE'D  
RUN OUTTA  
FOOD  
BEFORE WE  
KNEW IT.

WE'VE SURE  
FOUND A  
HEAP OF  
STATUES  
ALREADY!

TOO BAD  
PUTTING  
'EM BACK  
TOGETHER  
WON'T  
REVIVE 'EM...

THIS HERE'S  
MY DAD...

ERIOUSLY-  
SAY?!

THEN I'D  
BETTER  
WORK  
HARDER...

...TO  
GATHER  
MUCH,  
MUCH  
MORE...

I DO HAVE  
TO HURRY  
WITH THESE,  
THOUGH.

THERE'LL BE  
NO HEALING  
AT ALL IF  
THESE CROSS  
SECTIONS  
WEAR AWAY...







**KNOWLEDGE  
AND  
POWER...**

**...WILL HELP  
US CREATE  
OUR OWN  
FOOD!!**



**HAH!  
DO NOT  
WORRY.**



**NOW'S  
THE  
TIME...**

**...WE STOP  
RELYING  
SOLELY ON  
NATURE'S  
BOUNTY.**





SINCE  
WE HAD  
THE  
STRAW  
ON HAND  
ANYWAY  
...

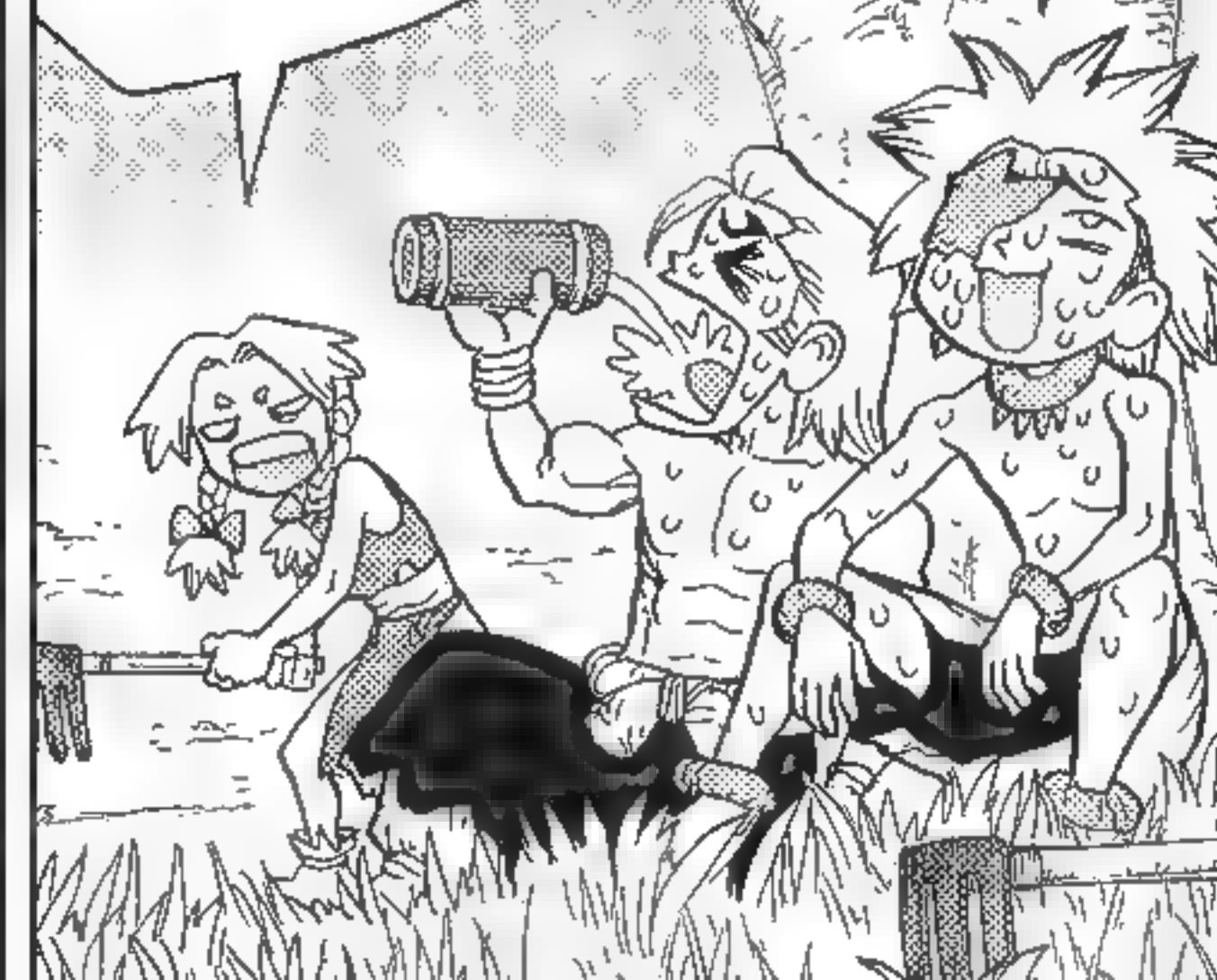
THIS  
SHOULD BE  
GOOD FOR  
BLOCKING  
THE SUN.

Fits the  
farmer  
image too!

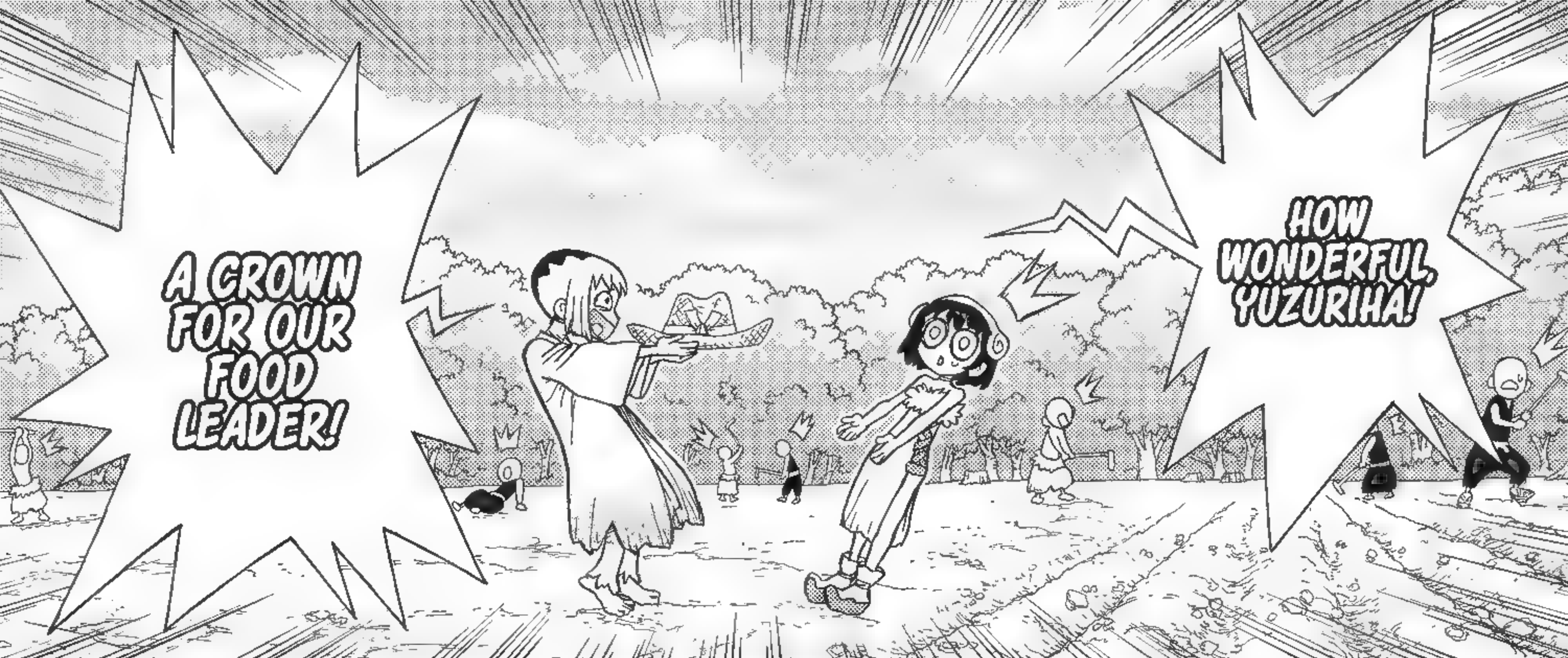


YOU  
SLACKERS!  
THIS IS HOW  
WE PAY FOR  
THE FOOD  
WE'RE GONNA  
GET!

HOO BOY...  
IT'S TOO  
HOT. I'M  
POOPED.

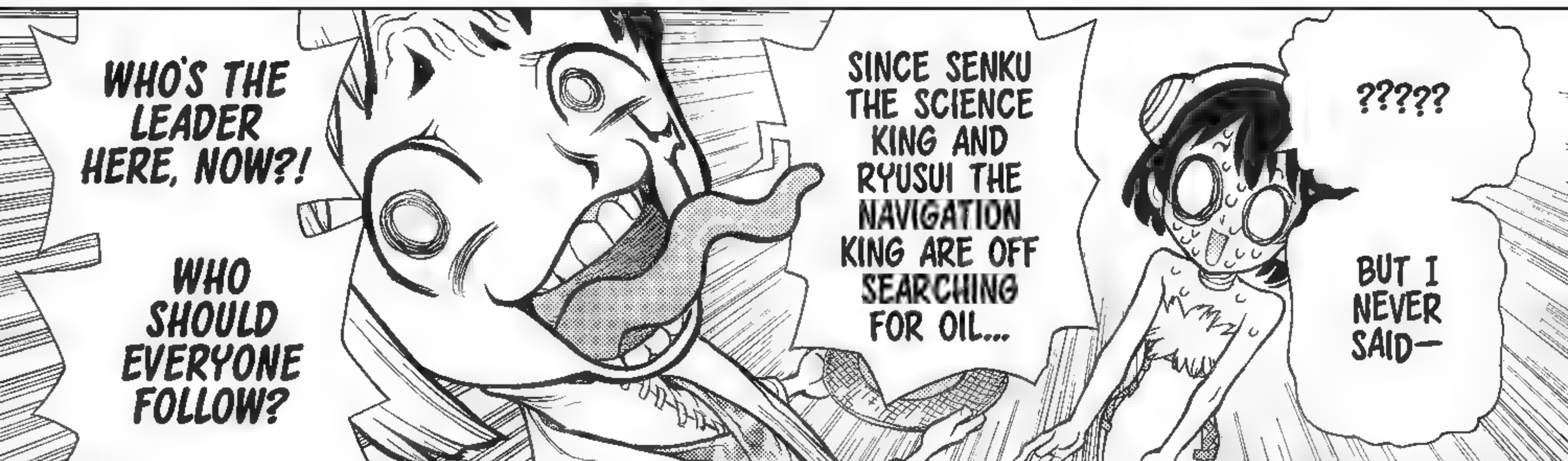






**A CROWN  
FOR OUR  
FOOD  
LEADER!**

**HOW  
WONDERFUL,  
YUZURIHA!**



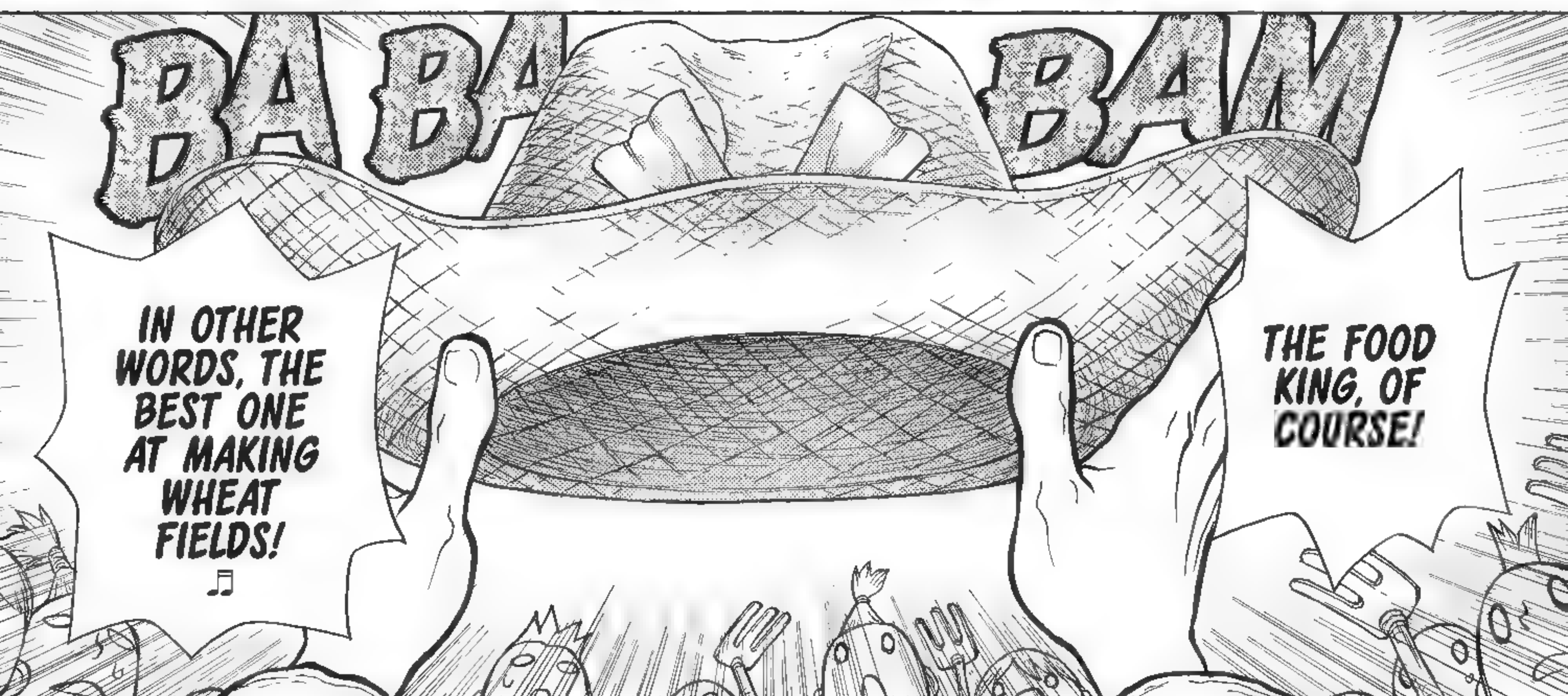
**WHO'S THE  
LEADER  
HERE, NOW?!**

**WHO  
SHOULD  
EVERYONE  
FOLLOW?**

**SINCE SENKU  
THE SCIENCE  
KING AND  
RYUSUI THE  
NAVIGATION  
KING ARE OFF  
SEARCHING  
FOR OIL...**

**?????**

**BUT I  
NEVER  
SAID—**



**BA BA BAM**

**IN OTHER  
WORDS, THE  
BEST ONE  
AT MAKING  
WHEAT  
FIELDS!**

**THE FOOD  
KING, OF  
COURSE!**

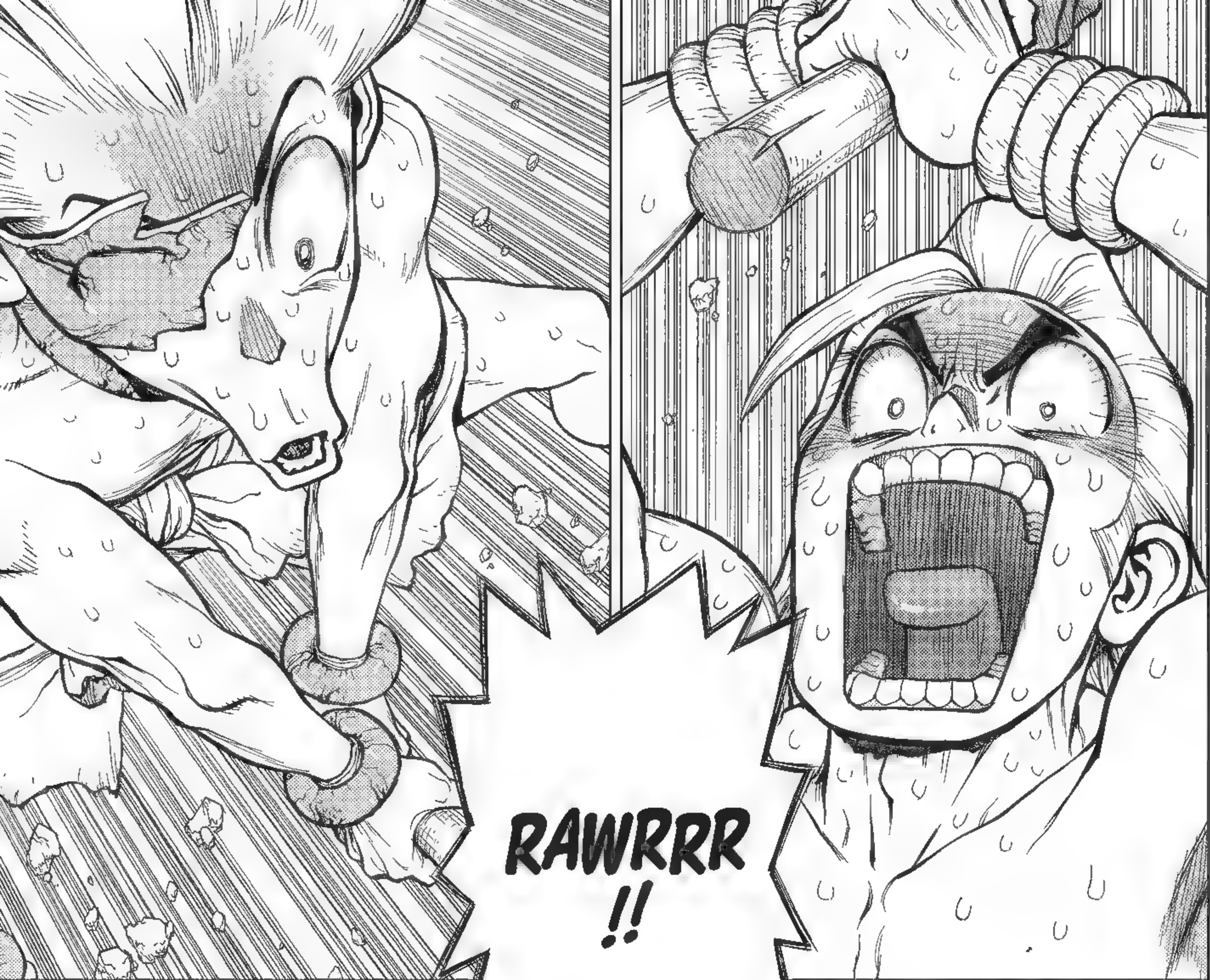


**YES. I CAN  
THINK OF  
TWO GUYS.**

**WOULD ANYONE  
ACTUALLY GO  
FOR THAT?**

**WOW...  
I GET IT.  
I SEE HIS  
GAME.**

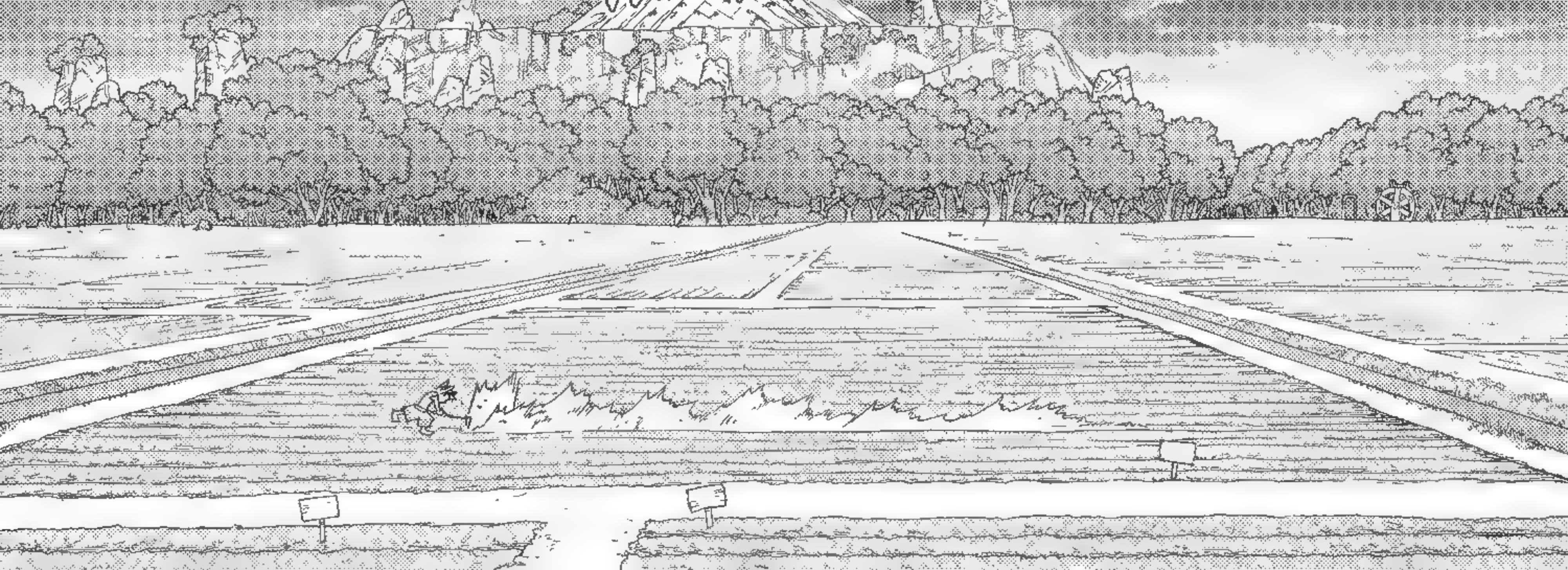




**RAWRRR  
!!**



**RRRRRRNNNNBBBBBB**







RR  
MM  
BB

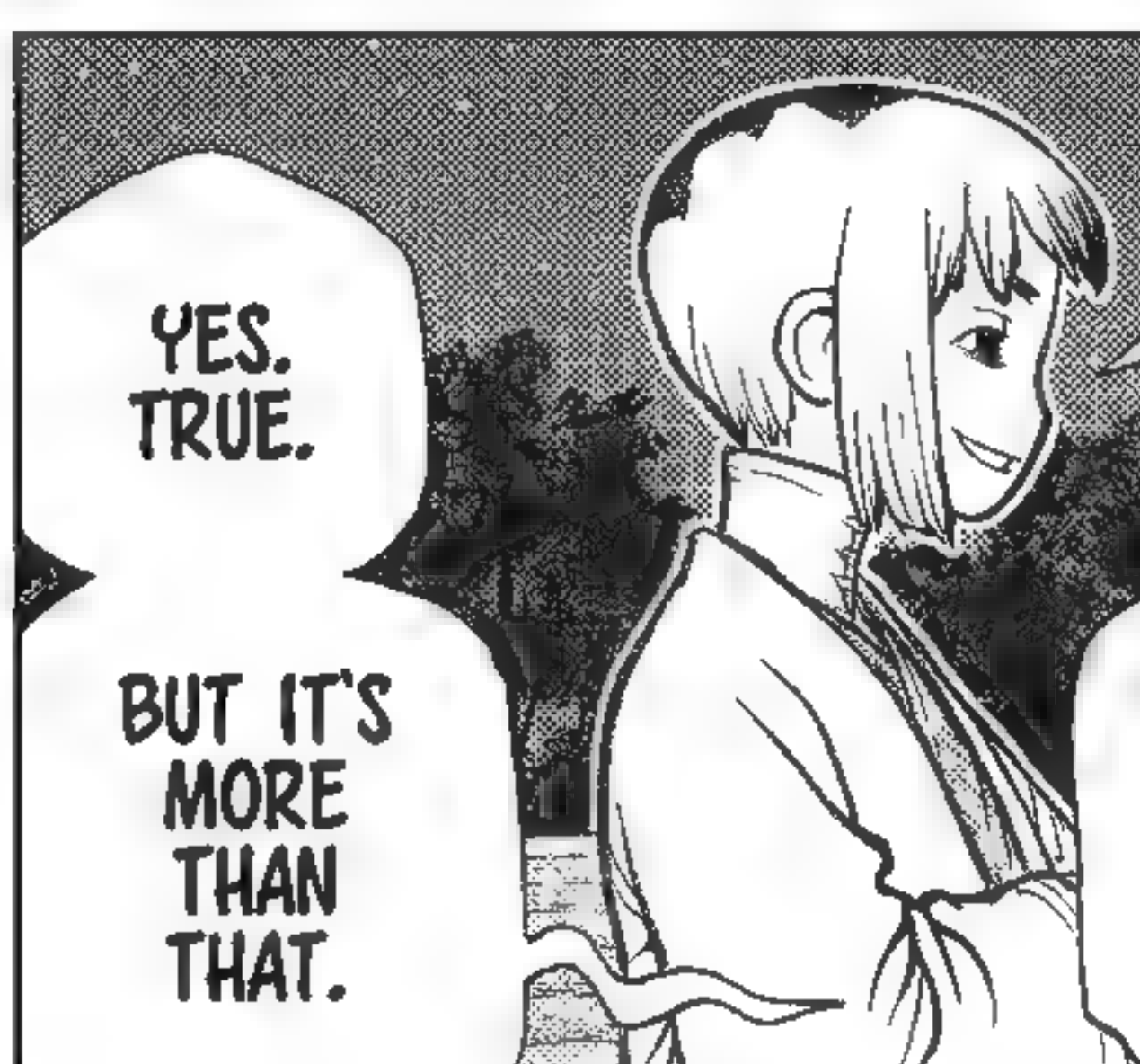
THANKS,  
NIKKI!

BUT DON'T  
WORRY!



YOU'RE LIKE  
THE OPPOSITE  
OF MAGMA  
AND YO.

THE  
SUN SET A  
WHILE AGO.  
HARD WORK  
REQUIRES  
REST, TAIJU.



YES.  
TRUE.

BUT IT'S  
MORE  
THAN  
THAT.

LABOR KING  
TAIJU, WITH  
HIS INFINITE  
STAMINA...

...IS SO  
PERFECTLY  
SUITED TO  
FARMING, IT'S  
SCARY...



TAIJU...

...LOOKS  
SO  
HAPPY.



IF I COULD  
BRING THEM  
BACK, I  
KNOW I'D DO  
WHATEVER IT  
TOOK.

BUT  
THAT'S  
NOT  
POSSIBLE.

I LOST MY  
PARENTS  
WHEN I WAS  
REAL LITTLE.



THIS  
HERE'S  
MY DAD.





**THESE  
LITTLE  
SEEDS ARE  
THE KEY!!**

**WE'LL MAKE  
A WHOLE  
MOUNTAIN  
OF FOOD...**

**...AND  
REVIVE  
THE WHOLE  
WORLD!**

**FIRST  
WHEAT,  
THEN  
BREAD...**

**THAT'S  
WHERE  
WE  
START!!**



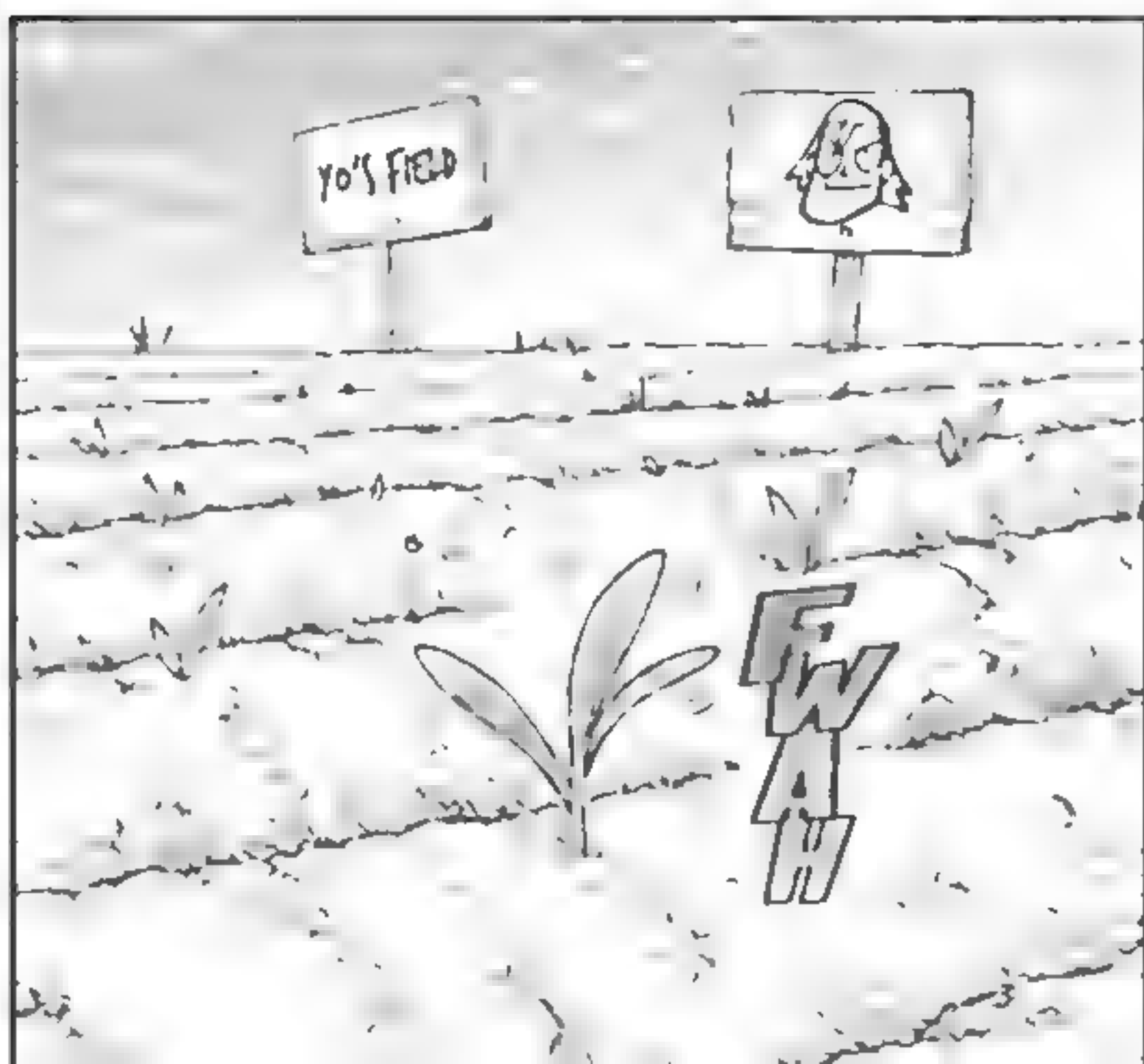
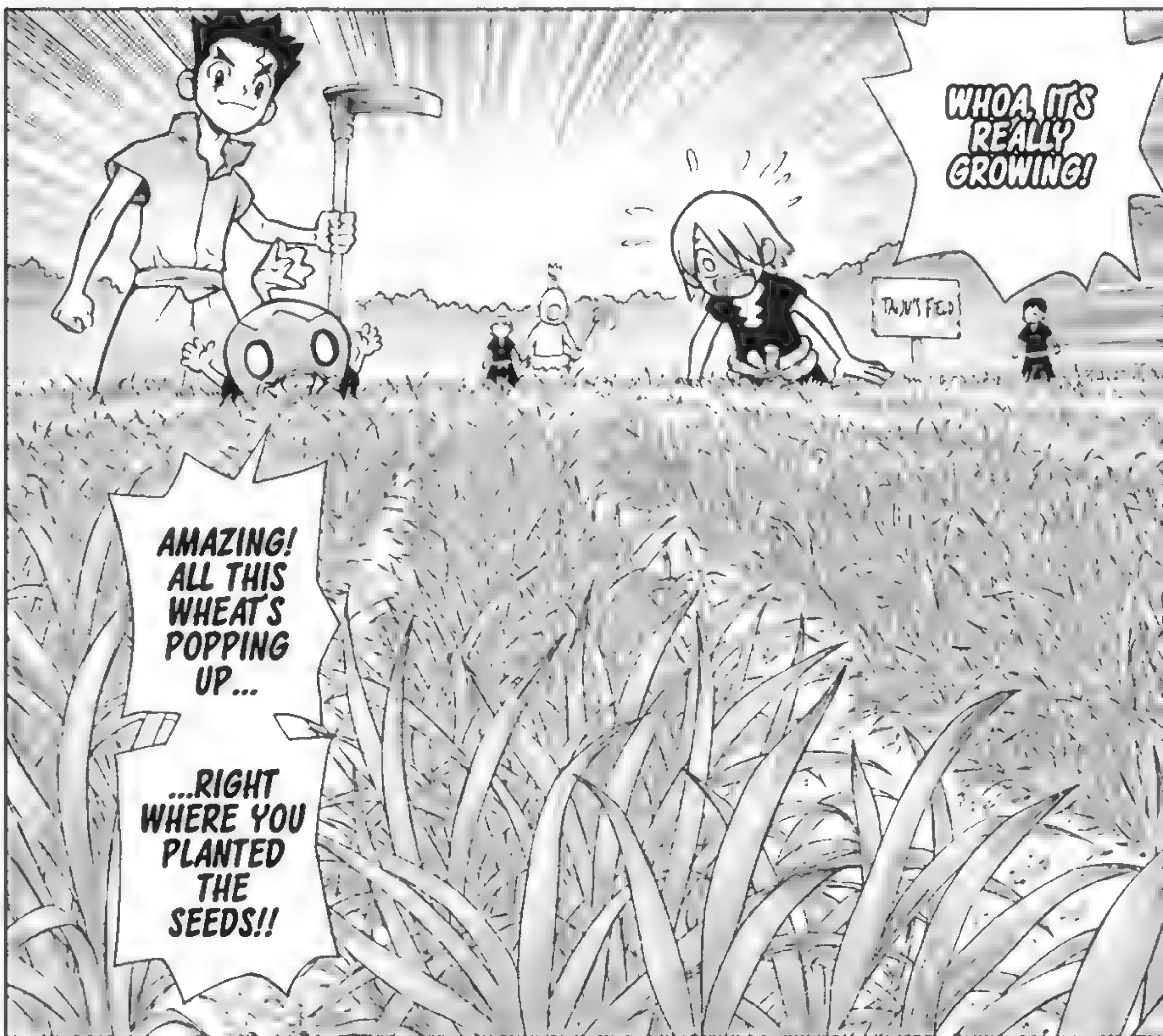
**AT THE  
VERY  
LEAST...**

**...I CAN  
HELP  
EVERYONE  
ELSE...**

**...SAVE  
THEIR  
FAMILIES!**



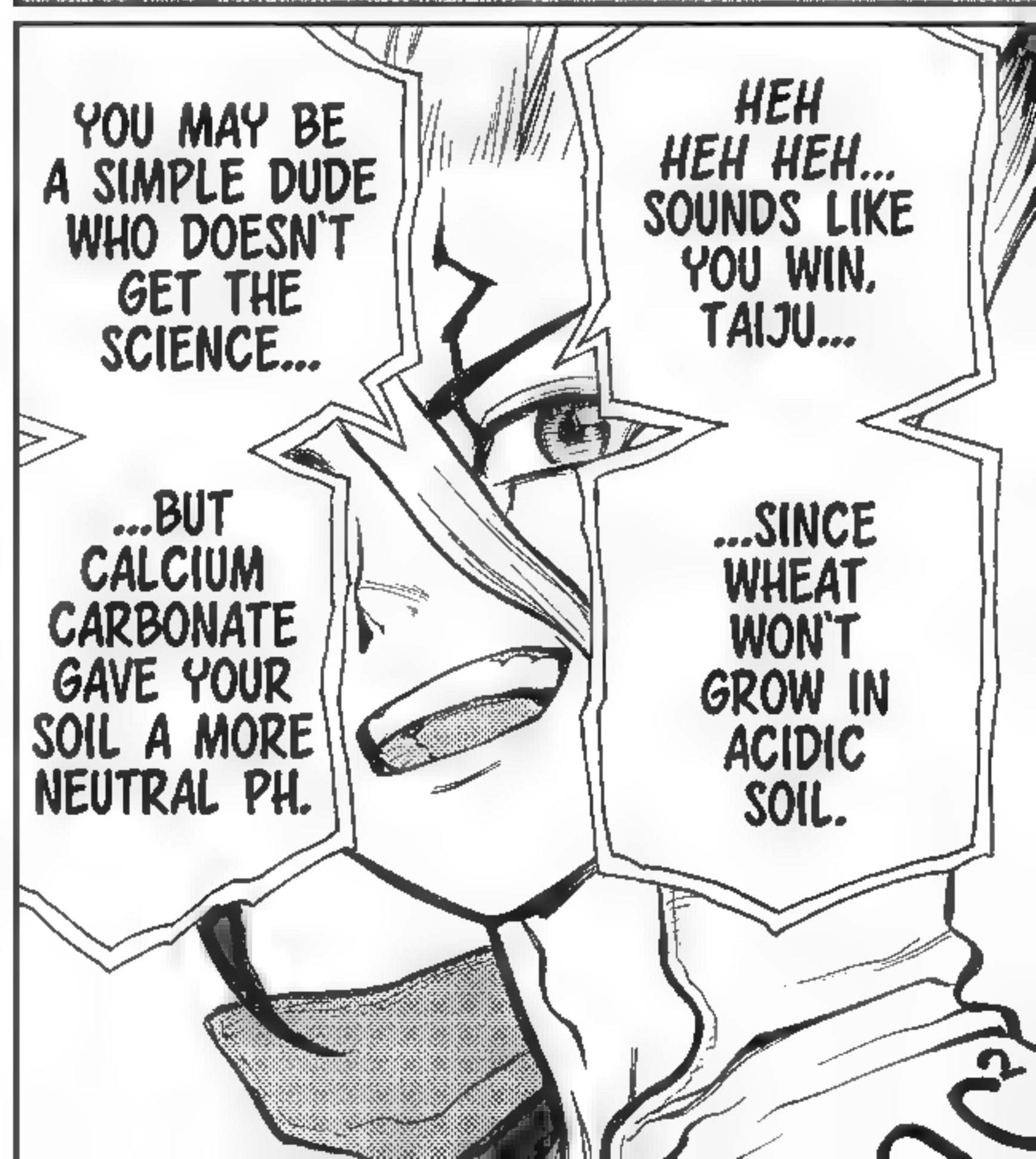
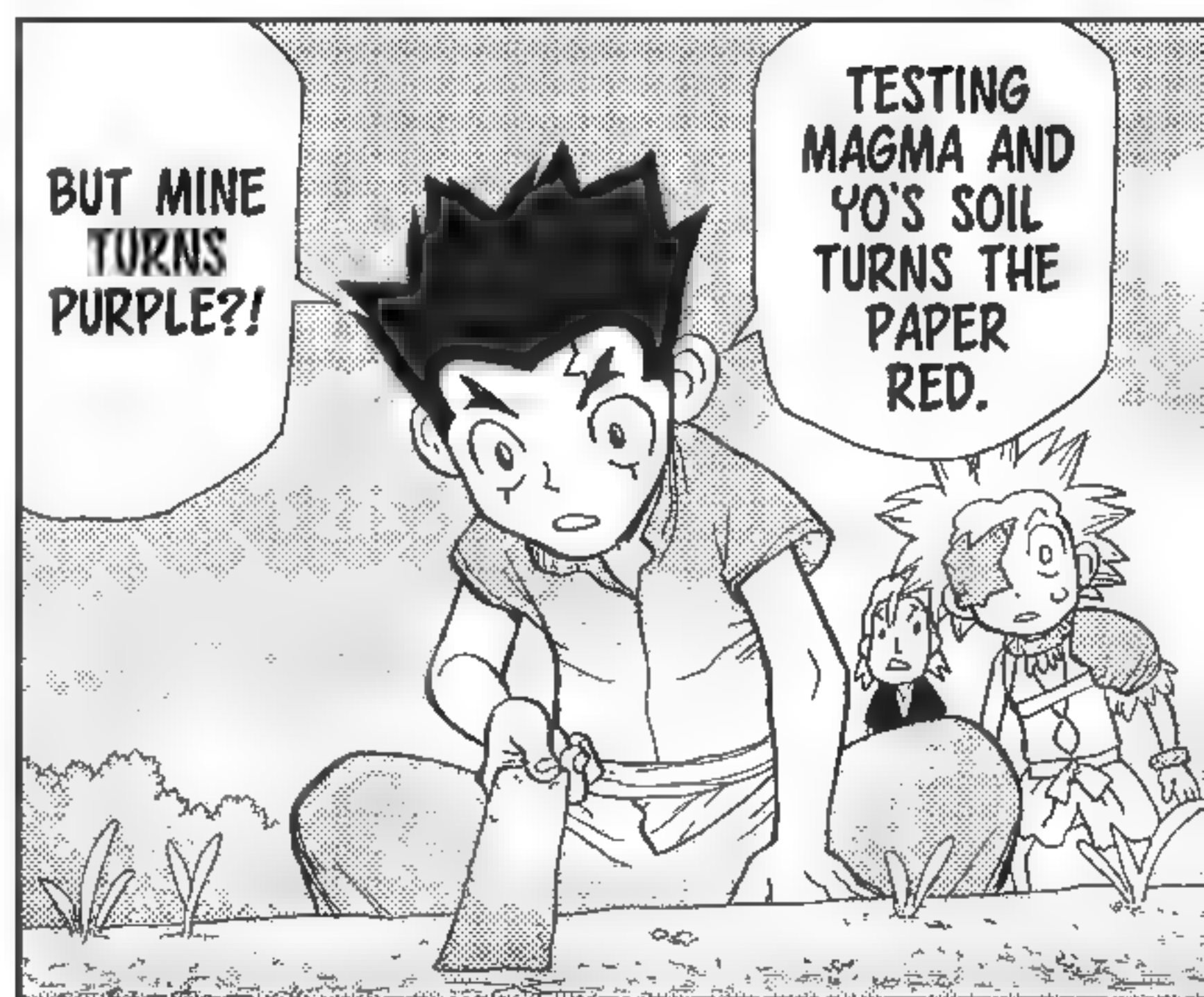
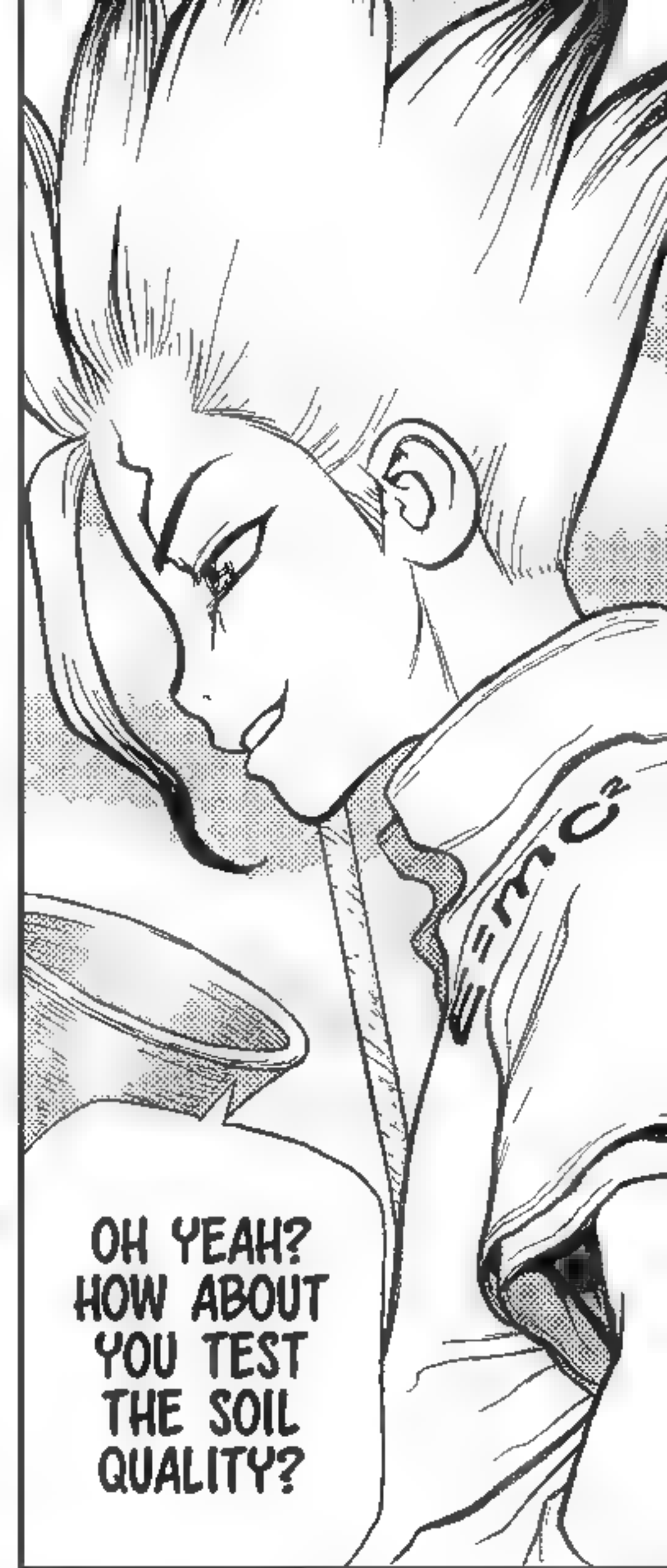




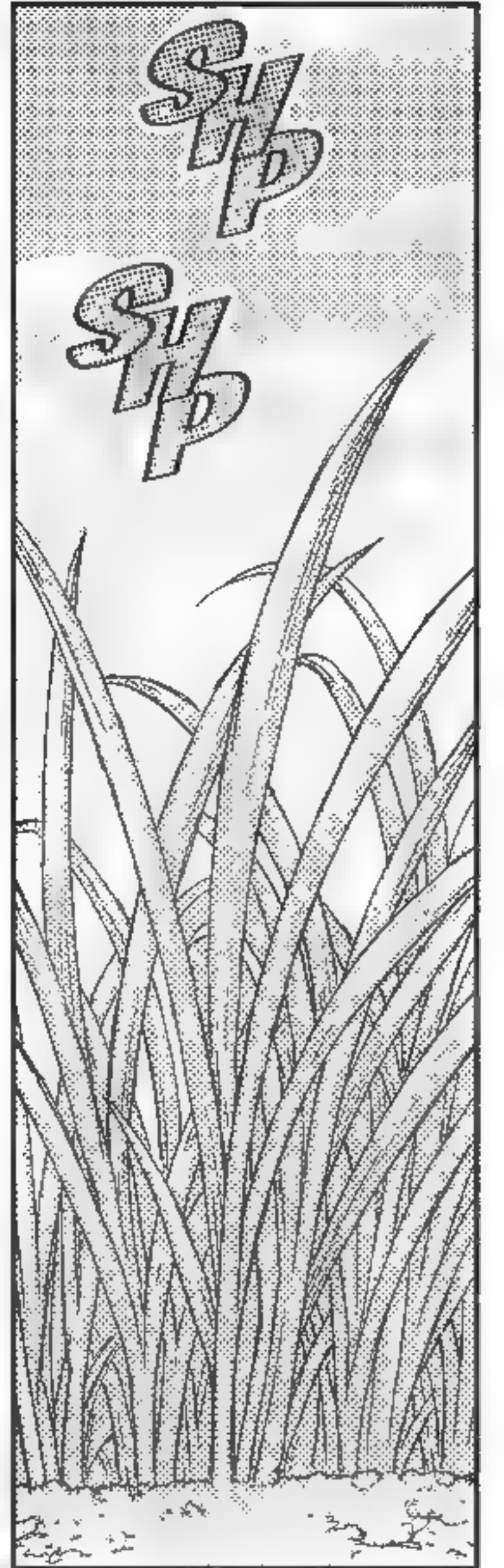
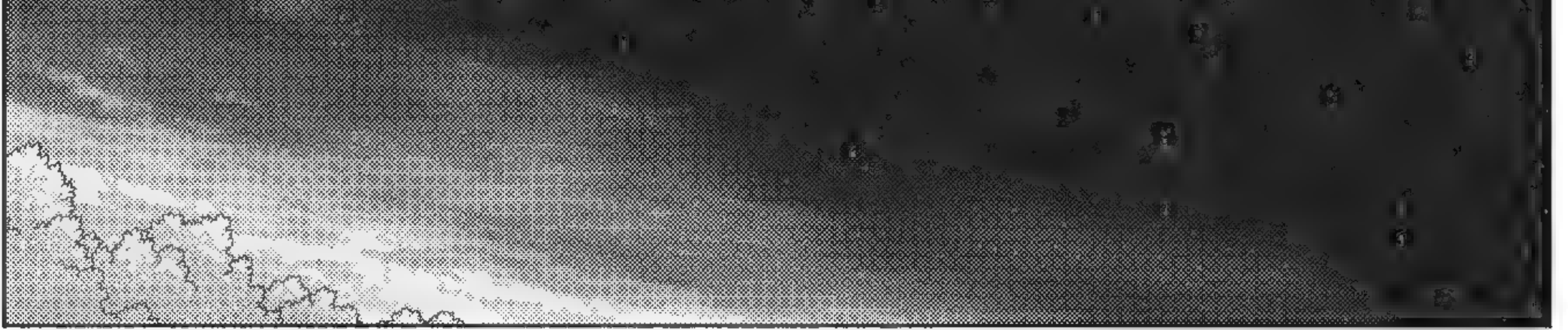




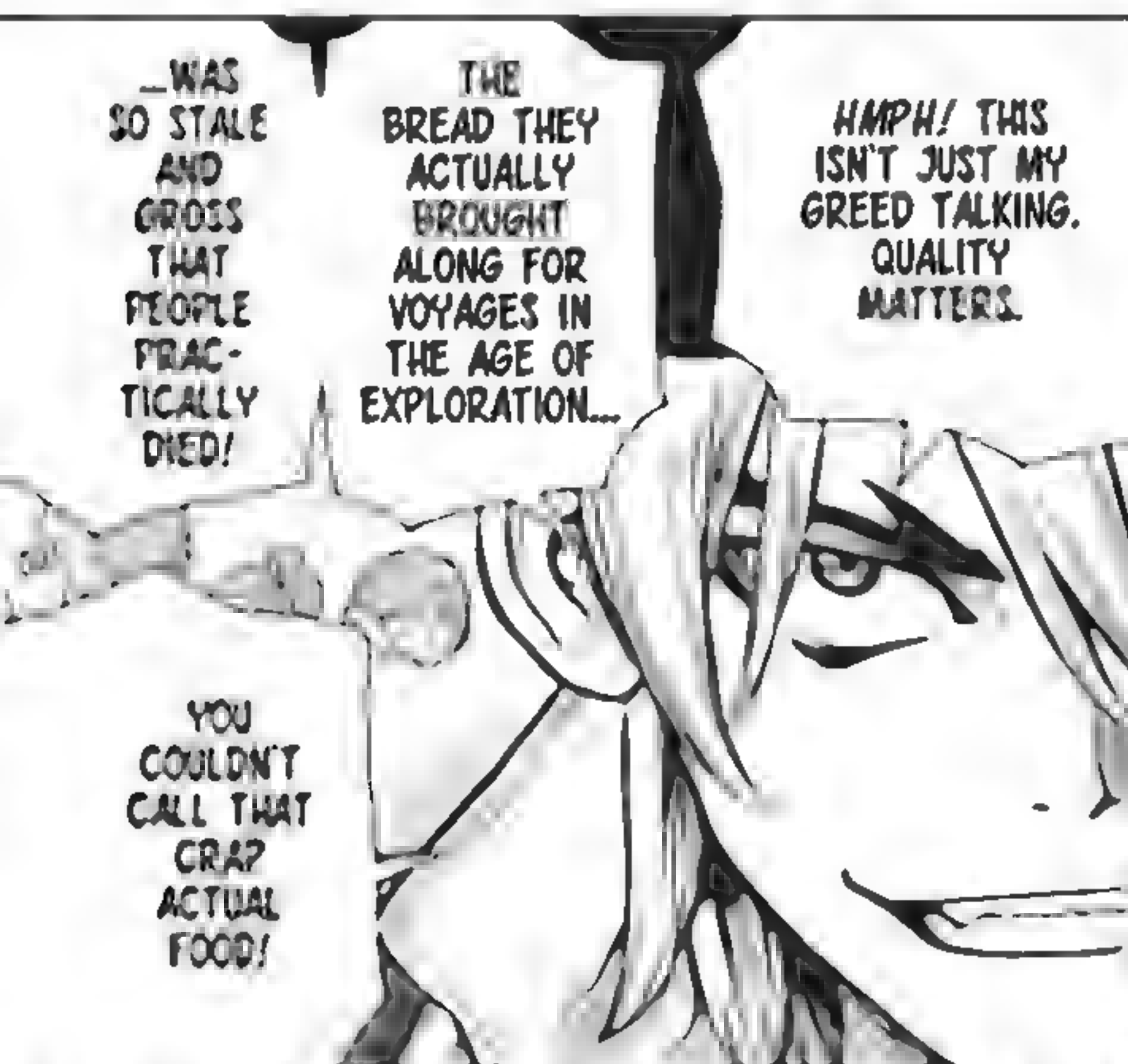




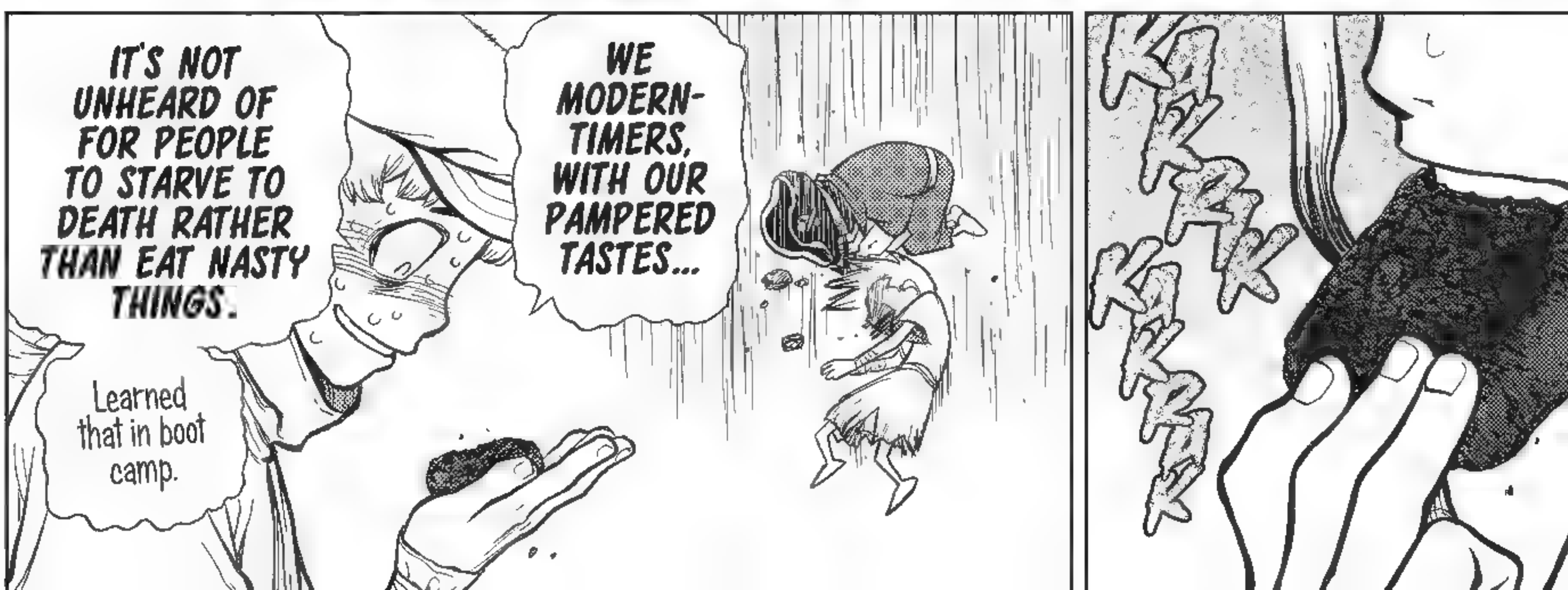
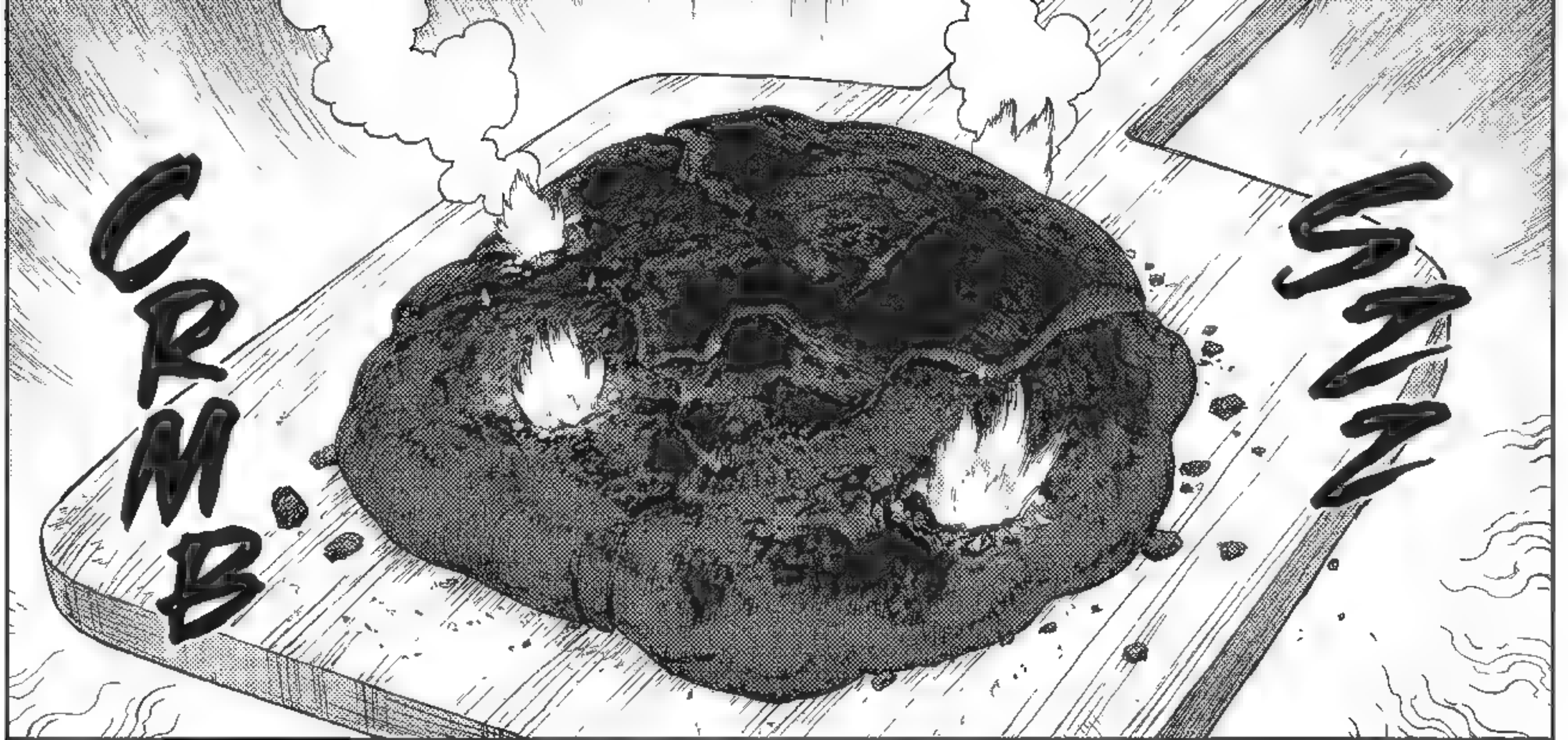














IF THIS'S ALL  
WE'VE GOT TO  
SAIL AROUND  
THE WORLD  
WITH? YES.

THIS BREAD  
WILL BE THE  
DEATH OF US  
ALL, RIGHT?!

SO  
JEALOUS...

WA HA HA HA!  
SENKU AND  
THE GANG HAVE  
PROBABLY BAKED  
THEIR FIRST  
BATCH BY NOW.

I BET THEIR  
TUMMIES  
ARE FULL TO  
BURSTING WITH  
DELICIOUS  
BREAD!

**WE NEED  
TO REVIVE A  
TOP CHEF!!**

THEY'RE  
SPEAKING IN  
HARMONY...



LIKE I  
ALWAYS  
SAY, SHE'S  
A TOTAL  
LIONESS.

K  
R  
G  
Z  
M  
R  
N  
C  
H

SHE'S  
GOING  
TO TOWN  
ON THAT  
ROCK-HARD  
BREAD!



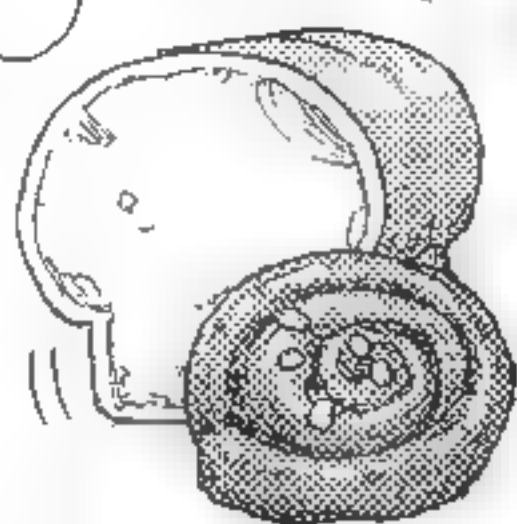


## Z=92: Desire Is Noble





**Ideal  
Bread**



**Actual  
Bread**



**I  
WANT  
IT!!**



...I'LL JUST  
HAVE TO  
FIND IT  
MYSELF!

HA HA! FEAR  
NOT! IF A  
SINGLE DOSE  
OF REVIVAL  
FLUID IS ALL  
WE NEED...

**S  
N  
A  
P**

OH YEAH?  
HOW? WE'VE  
GOT NO NITRIC  
ACID, AND  
THAT'S THE MAIN  
INGREDIENT.



**BUT I  
WANT IT  
NOW!!**

SADLY, OUR  
STOCK OF  
REVIVAL FLUID  
IS DOWN  
TO ZILCH.

**WE NEED  
A PRO  
CHEF!!**

WE  
COULD MAKE  
SOME MORE  
FROM POOP,  
BUT THAT'LL  
TAKE MONTHS.

PAY  
ATTENTION,  
MAN.



**HMPH!  
ABOUT  
THAT...**

**YOUR  
FACE!!**

**YOU  
REALLY ARE  
THE MOST  
EVIL GUY  
HERE!**

...IS  
SECRETLY  
HOLDING  
ON TO  
SOME!!

**I'VE GOT A  
SNEAKING  
SUSPICION  
THAT  
SOMEBODY  
EVIL...**





A PERSON  
CAN HARDLY  
RESIST  
THEIR  
PASSIONS.

**BUT I  
DESIRE  
IT!!**

AS THE  
WORLD'S  
GREEDIEST  
MAN, MY  
INSTINCTS  
TELL ME...

...THAT  
YOU MUST  
HAVE SOME  
HIDDEN  
AWAY!



YOU WERE  
THE ONE IN  
CHARGE OF  
WHO WAS  
REVIVED,  
RIGHT?

I'M SURE YOU  
MUST'VE HAD  
A CHANCE  
TO SWIPE A  
SINGLE DOSE.

ENOUGH TO  
LET YOU  
REVIVE SOME-  
ONE WITH  
VALUABLE  
INTEL TO  
EXTRACT.

FOR A  
REPORTER,  
THAT FLUID  
IS AS GOOD  
AS GOLD!

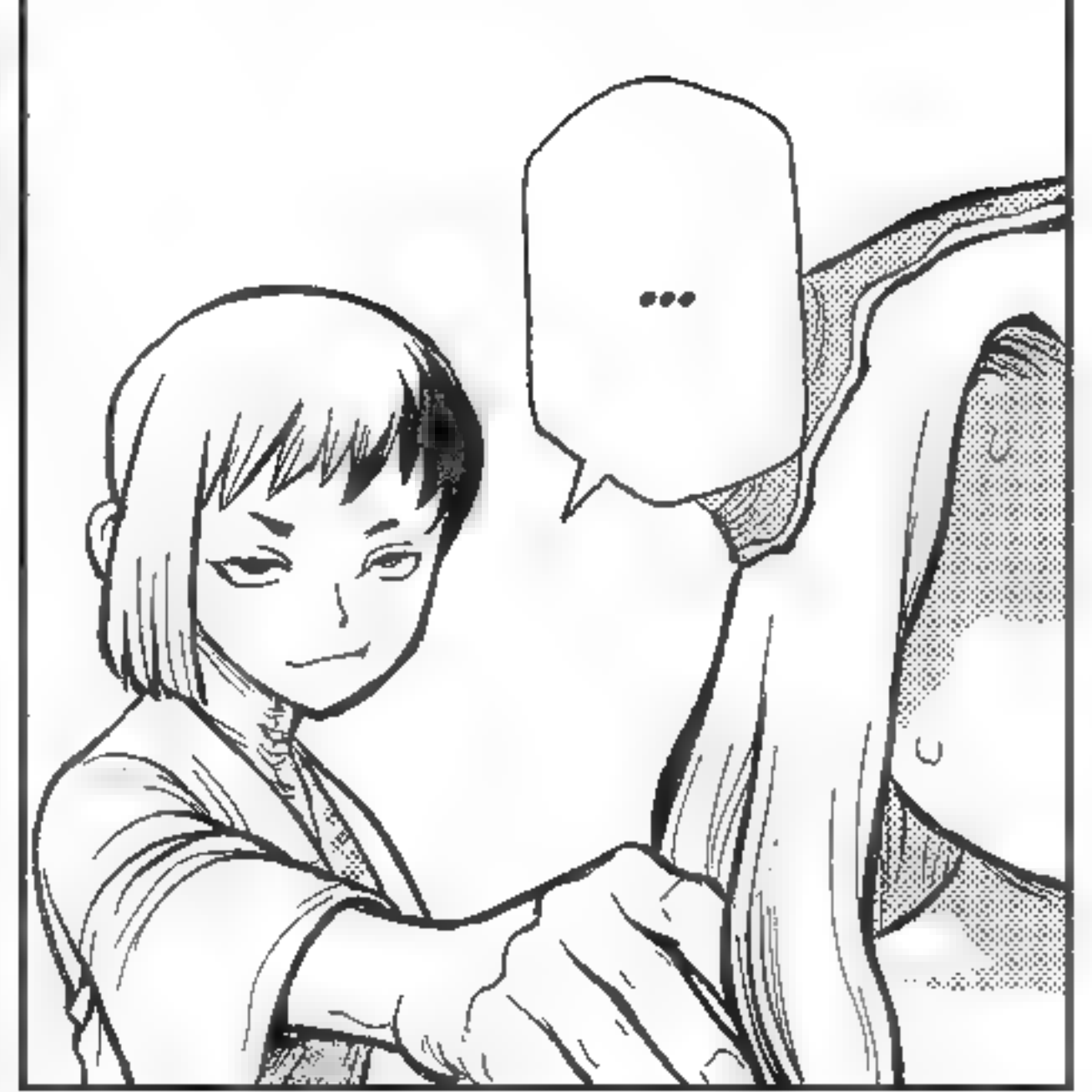
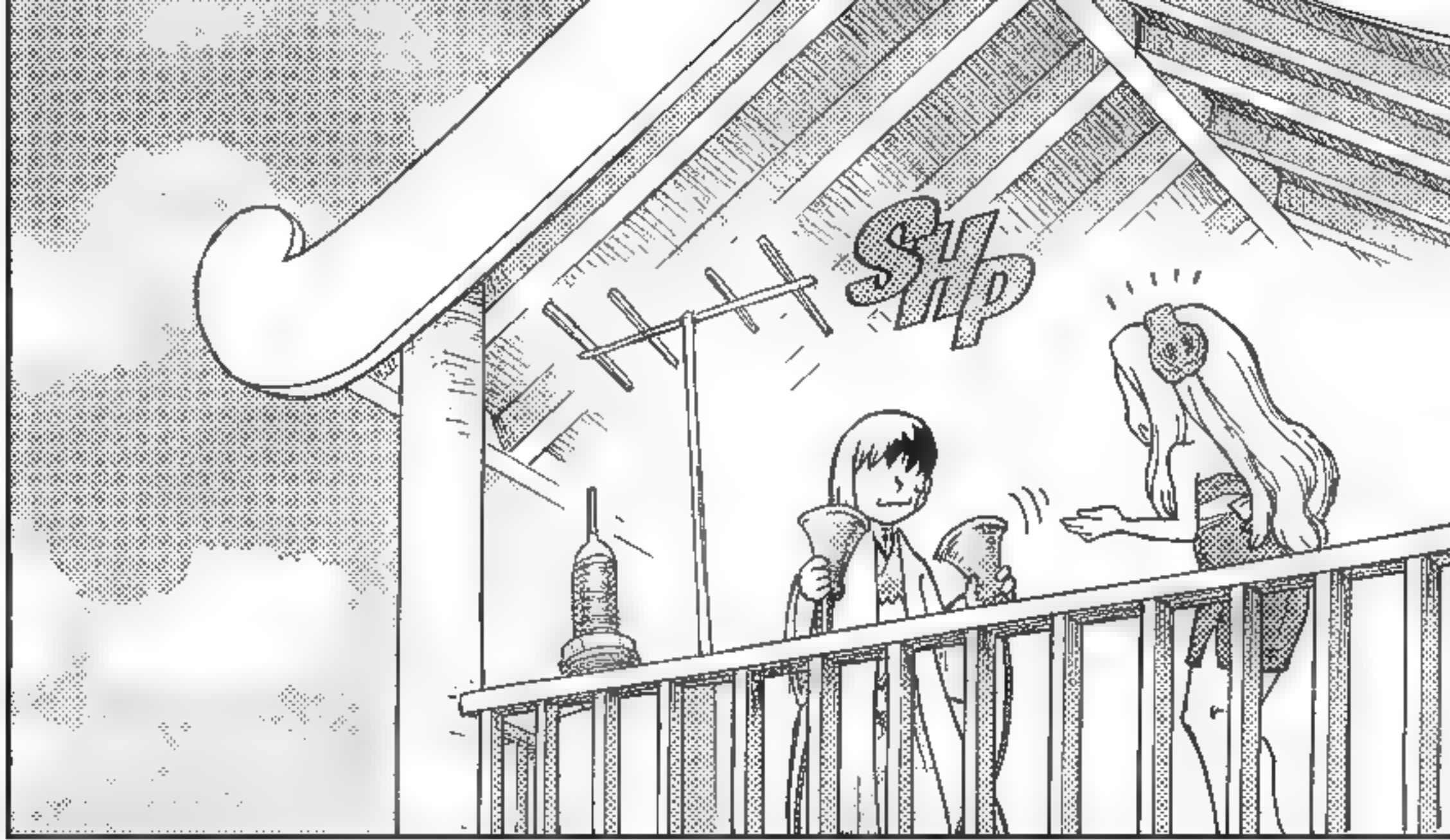


WHY  
ON EARTH  
WOULD I  
HAVE ANY  
ON ME?

HM?  
REVIVAL  
FLUID??

HA HA! DON'T  
PLAY DUMB  
WITH ME,  
REPORTER!!





**YOU  
REALLY  
CREATED  
THAT, DEAR  
SENKU?!**

**OHHH?  
SERIOUSLY  
?!**



**...MEANT FOR  
OUR STAR  
REPORTER,  
MINAMI  
HOKUTOZAI?**

**In exchange  
for the revival  
fluid?**

**AND  
IS THIS  
FANTASTIC  
PRESENT...**

**IT HAS  
THE KANJI FOR  
THE CARDINAL  
DIRECTIONS.  
NORTH, EAST,  
WEST, SOUTH...  
IT SPELLS NEWS!**

**OUR  
REPORTER'S  
GOT QUITE  
THE NUTTY  
NAME.**

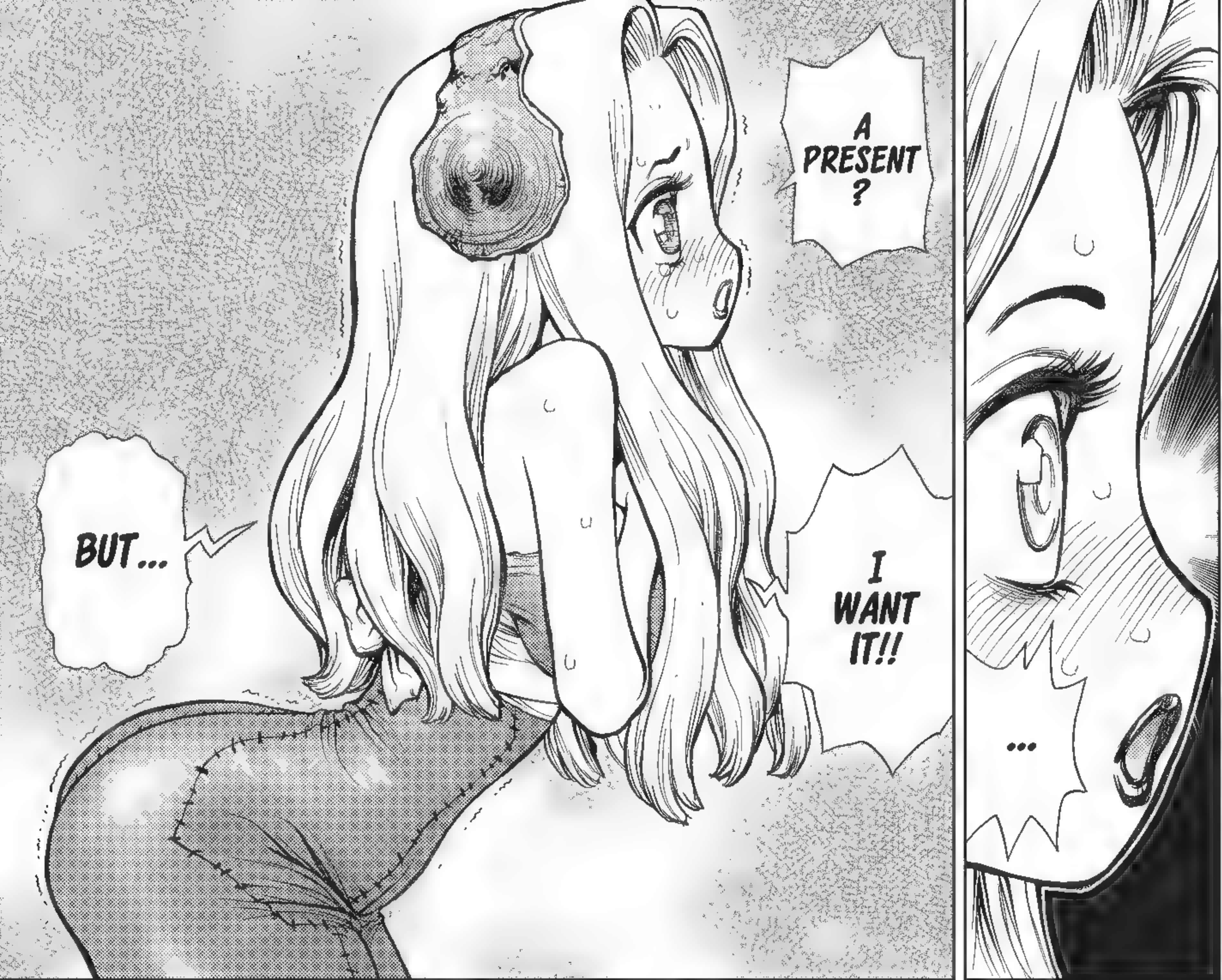


**YOU  
SHOULD KNOW  
BY NOW OUR  
MENTALIST  
SPECIALIZES  
IN DIRTY  
TRICKS.**

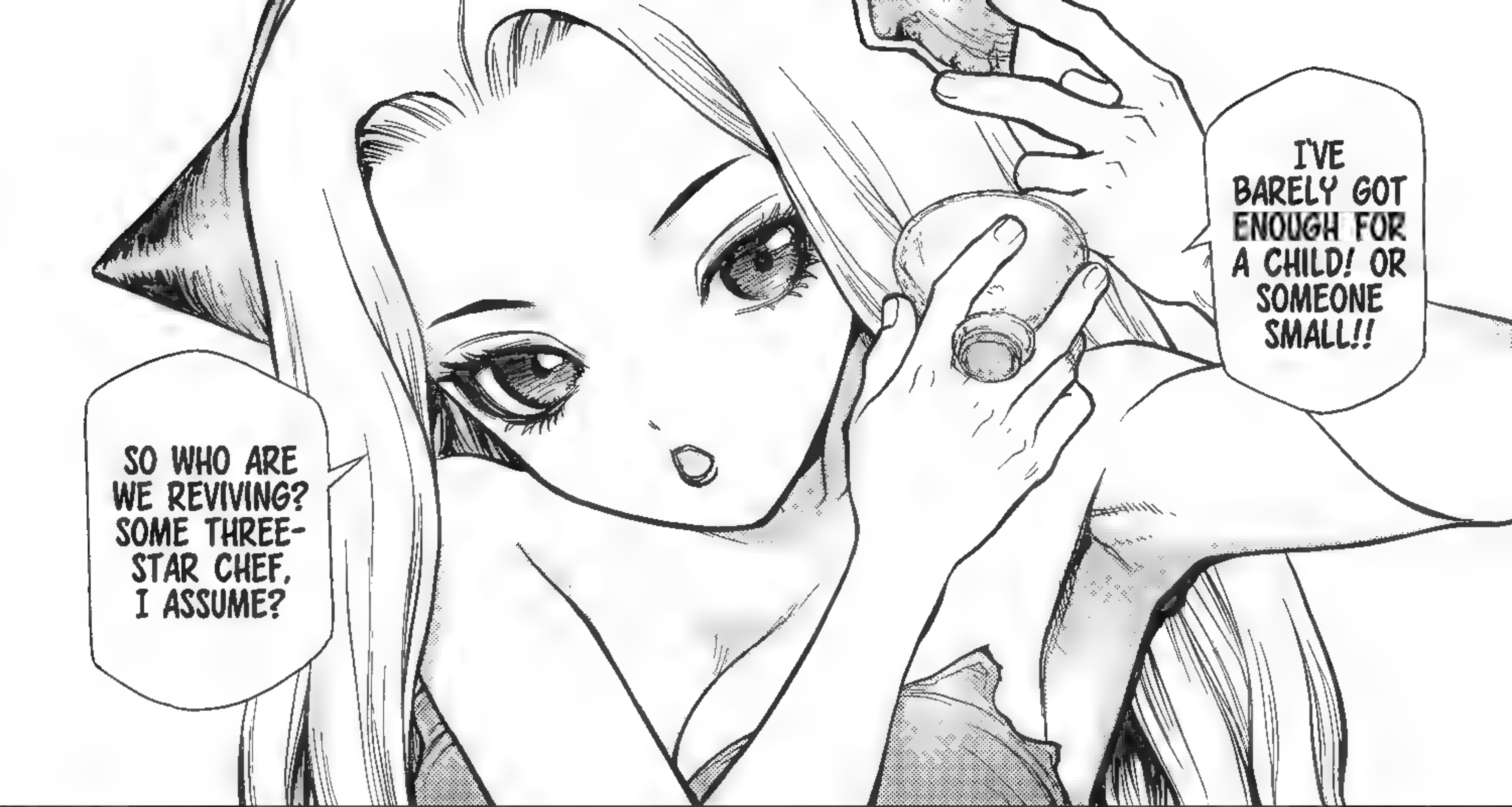
**BUT YOU  
DIDN'T SAY  
ANYTHING,  
SENKU?**

**??**



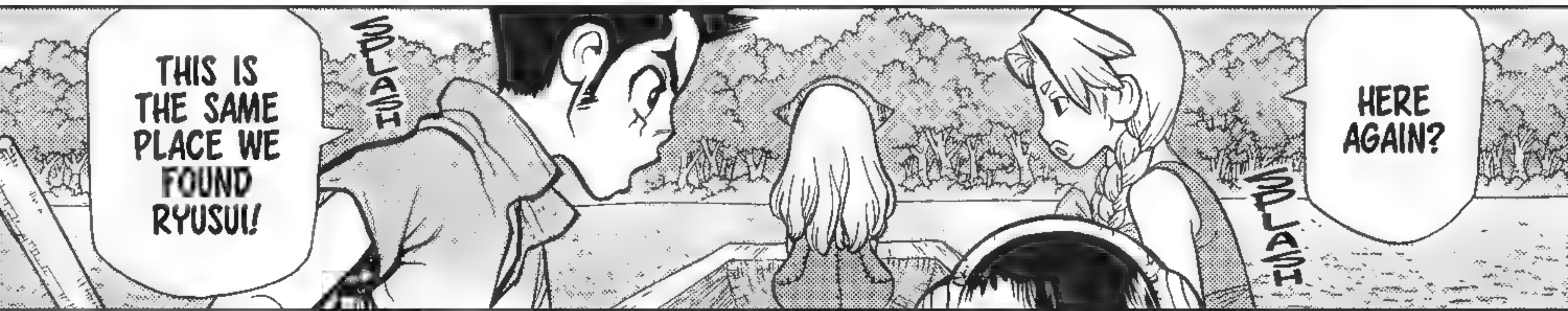
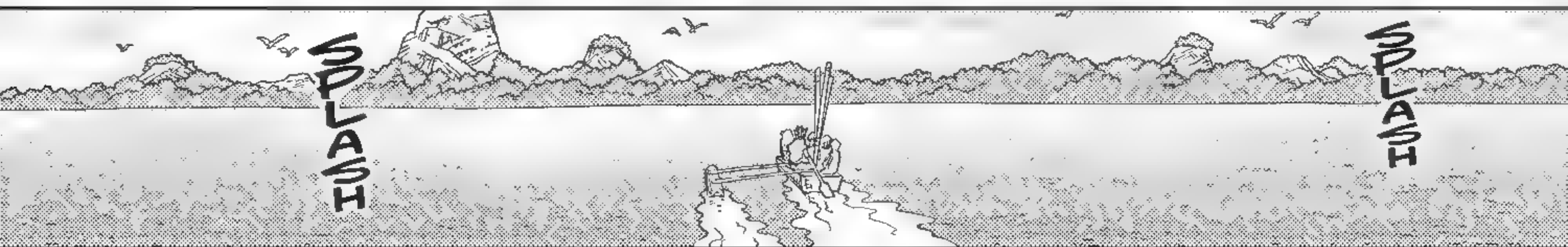






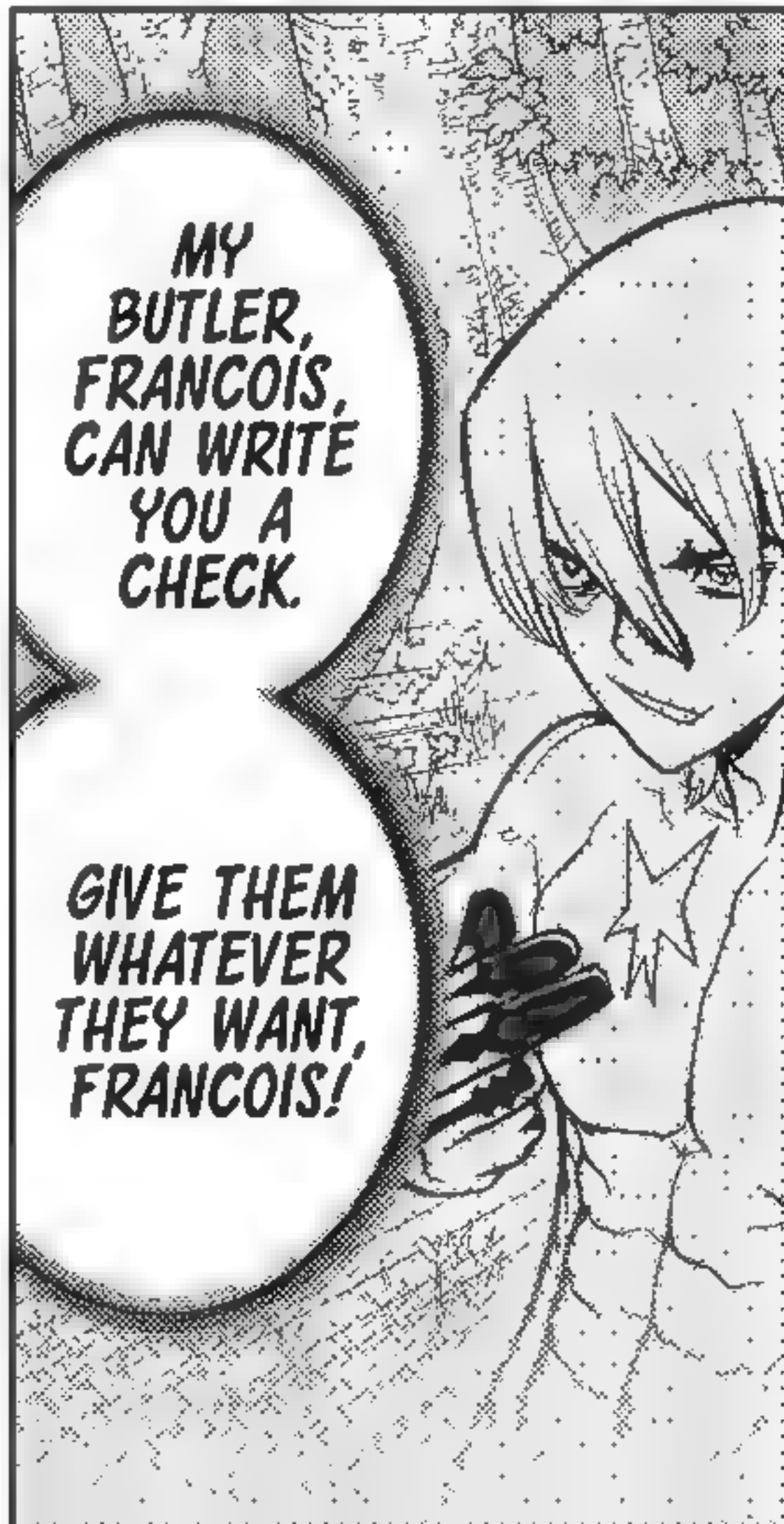
SO WHO ARE WE REVIVING? SOME THREE-STAR CHEF, I ASSUME?

I'VE BARELY GOT ENOUGH FOR A CHILD! OR SOMEONE SMALL!!



THIS IS THE SAME PLACE WE FOUND RYUSU!

HERE AGAIN?



MY BUTLER, FRANCOIS, CAN WRITE YOU A CHECK.  
GIVE THEM WHATEVER THEY WANT, FRANCOIS!



WE SHOULD HAVE LITTLE TROUBLE IN LOCATING THE SPOT ...

...SINCE WE WERE TOGETHER WHEN WE GOT PETRIFIED.



WE SHOULD REVIVE FRANCOIS!





...IS NOT  
MERELY  
FOOD...

WHAT  
FRANCOIS  
CAN BRING  
TO THIS  
PRIMITIVE  
WORLD...

...BUT  
CUISINE THAT  
EVERYONE  
WILL BE  
DYING TO  
TASTE!!



A MASTER  
OF BOTH FINE  
DINING AND  
EXEMPLARY  
SERVICE.

AND A  
PROFESSIONAL  
WHO BELIEVES  
IN THE VALUE  
OF AESTHETICS  
ABOVE ALL  
ELSE!



FRANCOIS?  
YOUR OLD  
BUTLER?

YES.  
BUTLER  
AND  
PERSONAL  
CHEF.



K-K-K  
K-K-K  
K-K-K



UM...  
IT'S HARD  
TO TELL.

ACK! NOT  
A MAN?  
A LADY?!

THEN  
I GOTTA  
MIND MY  
MANNERS  
AND STEP  
AWAY  
UNTIL SHE'S  
CLOTHED!

FLASH

RYUSUI  
DIDN'T  
EXACTLY  
GIVE US  
DETAILS.

I'M PRETTY  
SURE THAT  
FRANCOIS IS  
USUALLY A  
MAN'S NAME.





I MUST THANK  
YOU FROM THE  
DEPTHS OF MY  
HEART FOR THE  
ACCOUTREMENTS.  
BUT MORE  
IMPORTANTLY...



I MUST  
SET OUT  
IN SEARCH  
OF HIM AT  
ONCE.

ARE  
ANY OF YOU  
FINE PEOPLE  
FAMILIAR  
WITH RYUSUI  
NANAMI?





THIS  
CONCERNS  
MY WORK  
AND  
NOTHING  
MORE.

I'M AFRAID  
I MUST  
BID YOU  
ADIEU!



RYUSU'S  
FINE, SO  
DON'T YOU  
WORRY!

UH...  
YOU JUST  
GOT REVIVED  
AFTER 3,700  
YEARS IN  
STONE!!

YOU SURE  
YOU DON'T  
WANT TO  
TAKE IT EASY  
FOR NOW?

I DO NOT  
WORRY, MY  
FRIEND, AS  
WORRYING HAS  
NEVER SOLVED  
ANYTHING.

WORRY?



WONDERFUL.  
I THANK YOU  
FROM THE  
DEPTHS OF  
MY HEART!!

BUT YOU  
DON'T EVEN  
KNOW WHICH  
DIRECTION  
TO GO IN!

PLEASE  
ALLOW ME  
TO BE YOUR  
GUIDE ON THIS  
JOURNEY!



SO  
TIRING  
...





NOT  
EVEN  
GENDER  
?!

EVERY-  
THING'S  
SO  
VAGUE...

HUH. NEVER  
THOUGHT TO  
ASK. I THINK...  
JAPANESE?

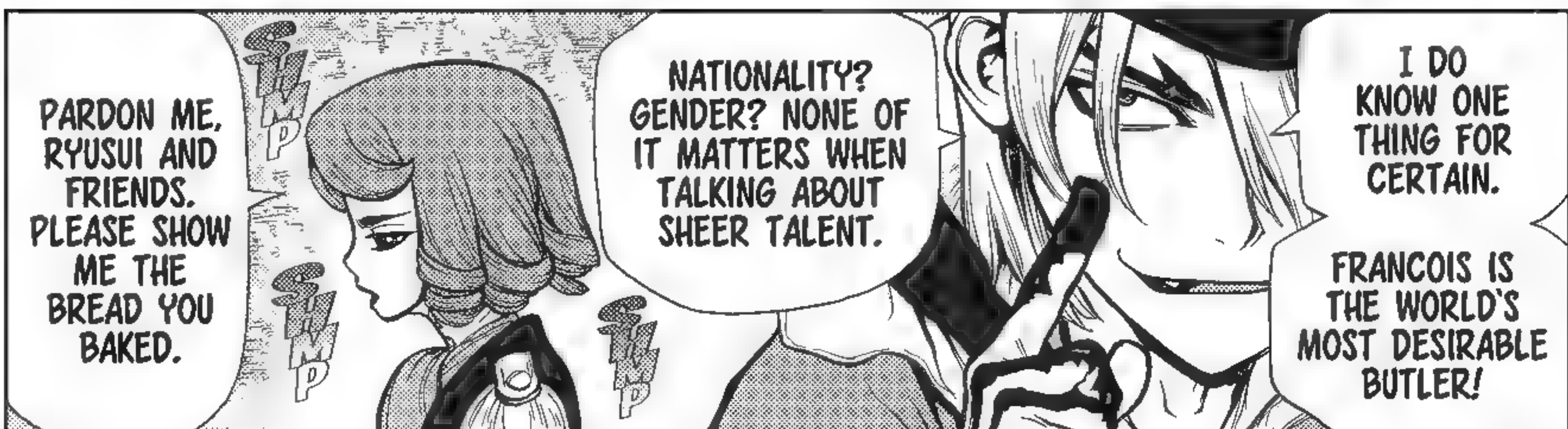
I CAN'T  
REMEMBER  
THE EXACT  
NAME OR  
GENDER.

AND WAS  
IT FRANCOIS  
OR  
FRANCOISE?



ISN'T  
FRANCOIS  
FRENCH?

Does he or  
she speak  
Japanese?



PARDON ME,  
RYUSUI AND  
FRIENDS.  
PLEASE SHOW  
ME THE  
BREAD YOU  
BAKED.

NATIONALITY?  
GENDER? NONE OF  
IT MATTERS WHEN  
TALKING ABOUT  
SHEER TALENT.

I DO  
KNOW ONE  
THING FOR  
CERTAIN.  
  
FRANCOIS IS  
THE WORLD'S  
MOST DESIRABLE  
BUTLER!



YOU  
DON'T EVEN  
WANT A FULL  
EXPLANATION,  
FRANCOIS?

THAT'S NOT  
NECESSARY!  
FRANCOIS  
PROBABLY...

...MADE  
SURE TO GET  
ALL CAUGHT  
UP WHILE  
TRAVELING.

I'M  
OOPED-  
PAY...  
  
TWO  
DAYS,  
NONSTOP.

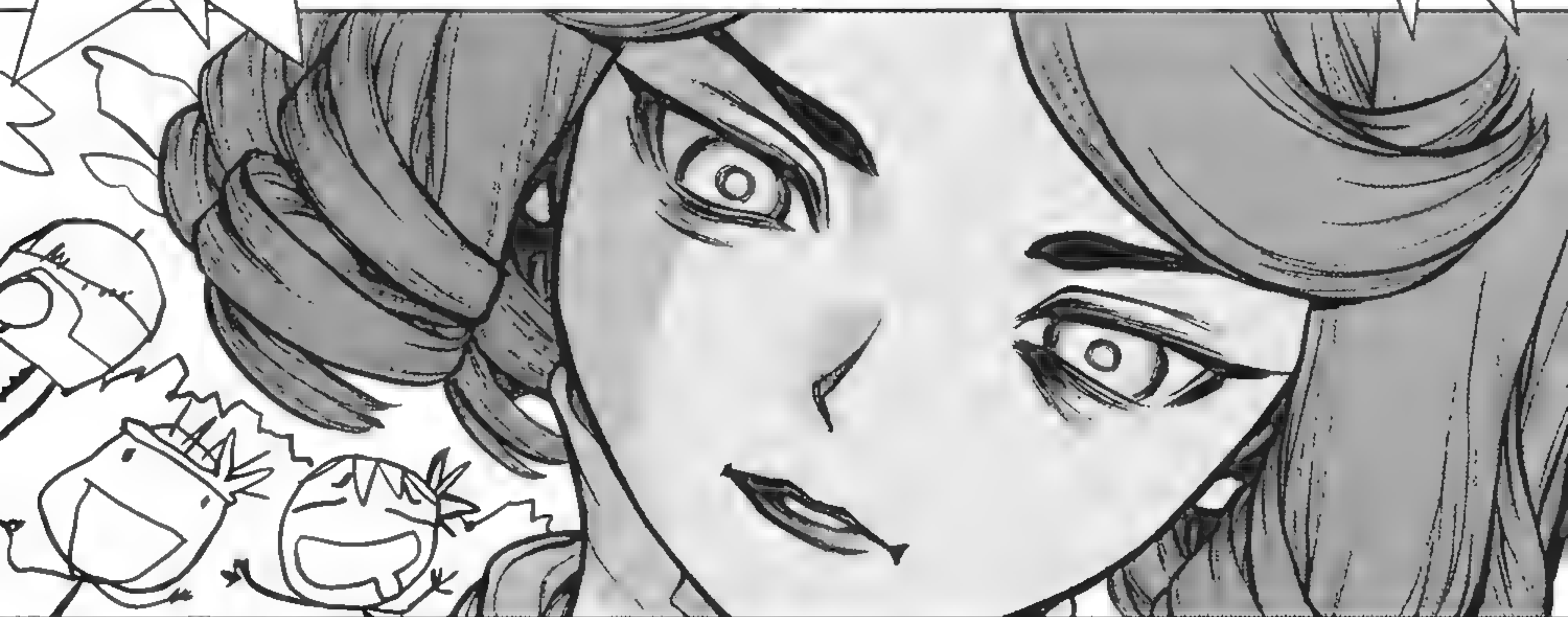
THEY'RE  
HERE!!  
  
Just like  
that!





...THE  
BREAD  
WE BAKED  
FROM  
WHEAT!

LOOK  
HERE!  
THIS IS...



HA HA!  
YOU BET!

...IF YOU DARED  
TO SERVE THIS  
INDUSTRIAL WASTE  
PRODUCT TO  
THOSE DESIRING  
SOMETHING  
EDIBLE.

PREPARING FOR  
THE ABSOLUTE  
WORST IS  
SIMPLY PART OF  
MY WORK, SO  
I MUST ASK...



IT HAS TO  
KEEP FROM  
SPOILING  
AND  
FILL OUR  
BELLIES.

BASICALLY,  
WE WANT  
EDIBLE  
BREAD.

WE NEED  
SOME LONG-  
LASTING  
FOOD FOR A  
LENGTHY SEA  
VOYAGE.

WHAT  
WILL OUR  
GUESTS BE  
HOPING TO  
EAT?

WHAT  
STYLE  
DO YOU  
DESIRE?

FWP





IN THAT  
CASE, I WILL  
ENDEAVOR TO  
PREPARE....

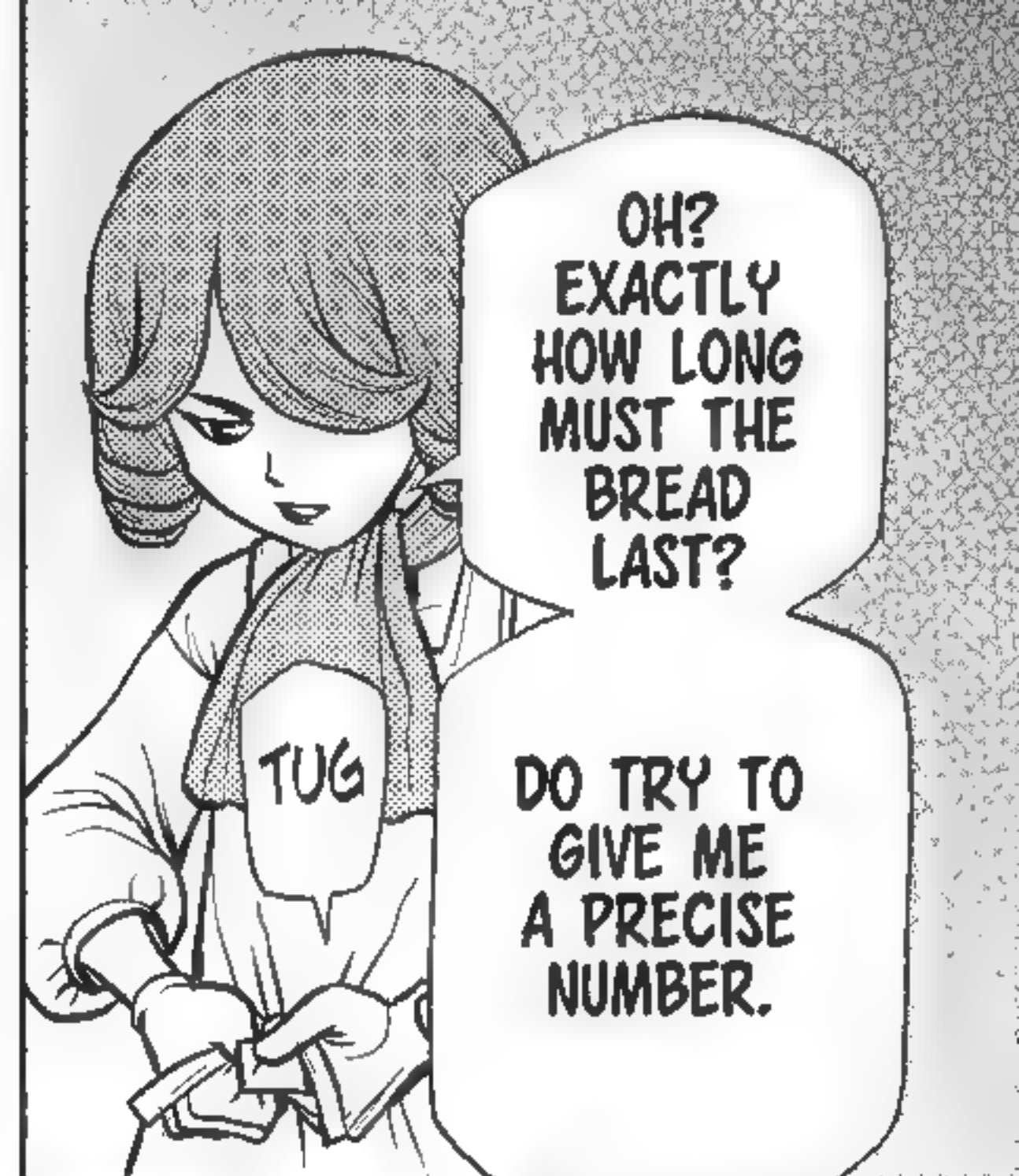
TEN  
MONTHS?  
VERY  
WELL.

**GOAT'S  
GIFT  
STOLLEN.**

STOLLEN?

ONE OF THOSE  
LONG-LASTING  
TREATS EATEN  
AT CHRISTMAS.

BASICALLY,  
A FRUIT-  
CAKE!



OH?  
EXACTLY  
HOW LONG  
MUST THE  
BREAD  
LAST?

DO TRY TO  
GIVE ME  
A PRECISE  
NUMBER.



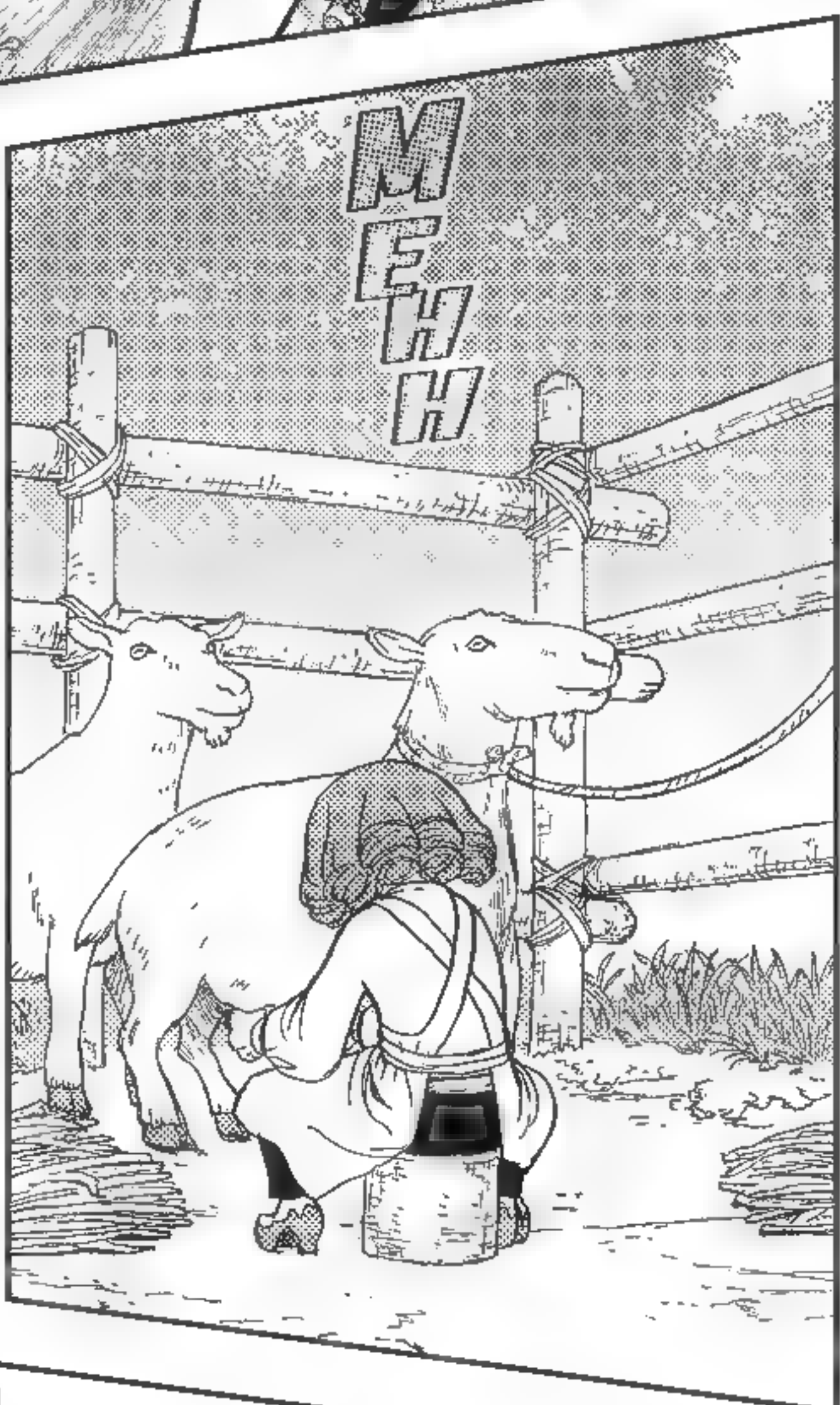
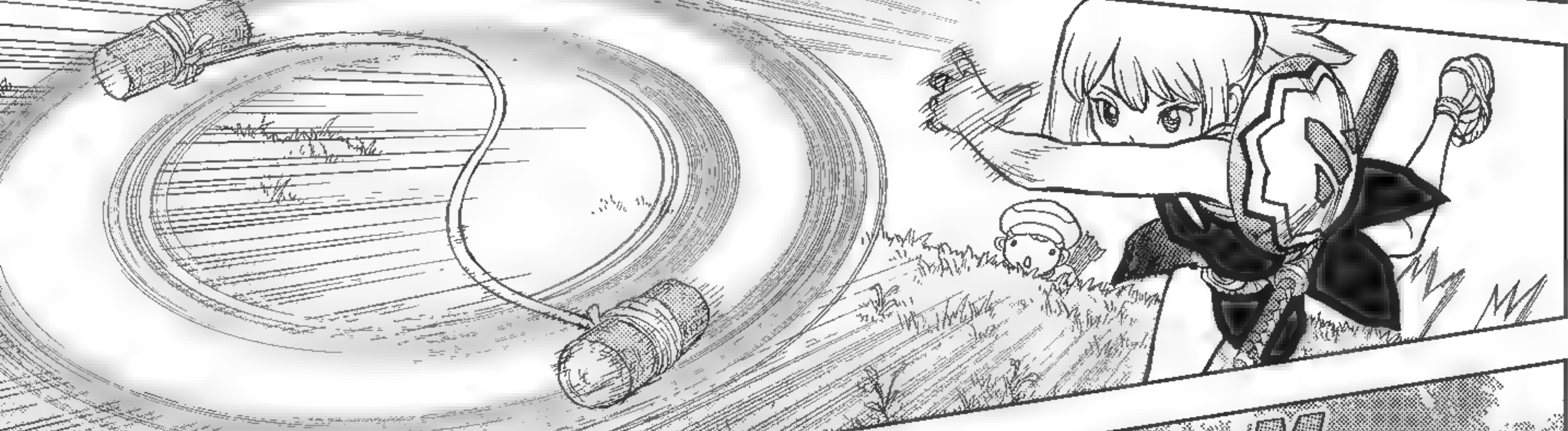
...SO  
LET'S  
SAY...

**SPEAKING  
FROM  
EXPERIENCE,  
PASSENGERS  
ON A VOYAGE  
WILL GET SICK  
OF ANYTHING  
AFTER A  
YEAR...**

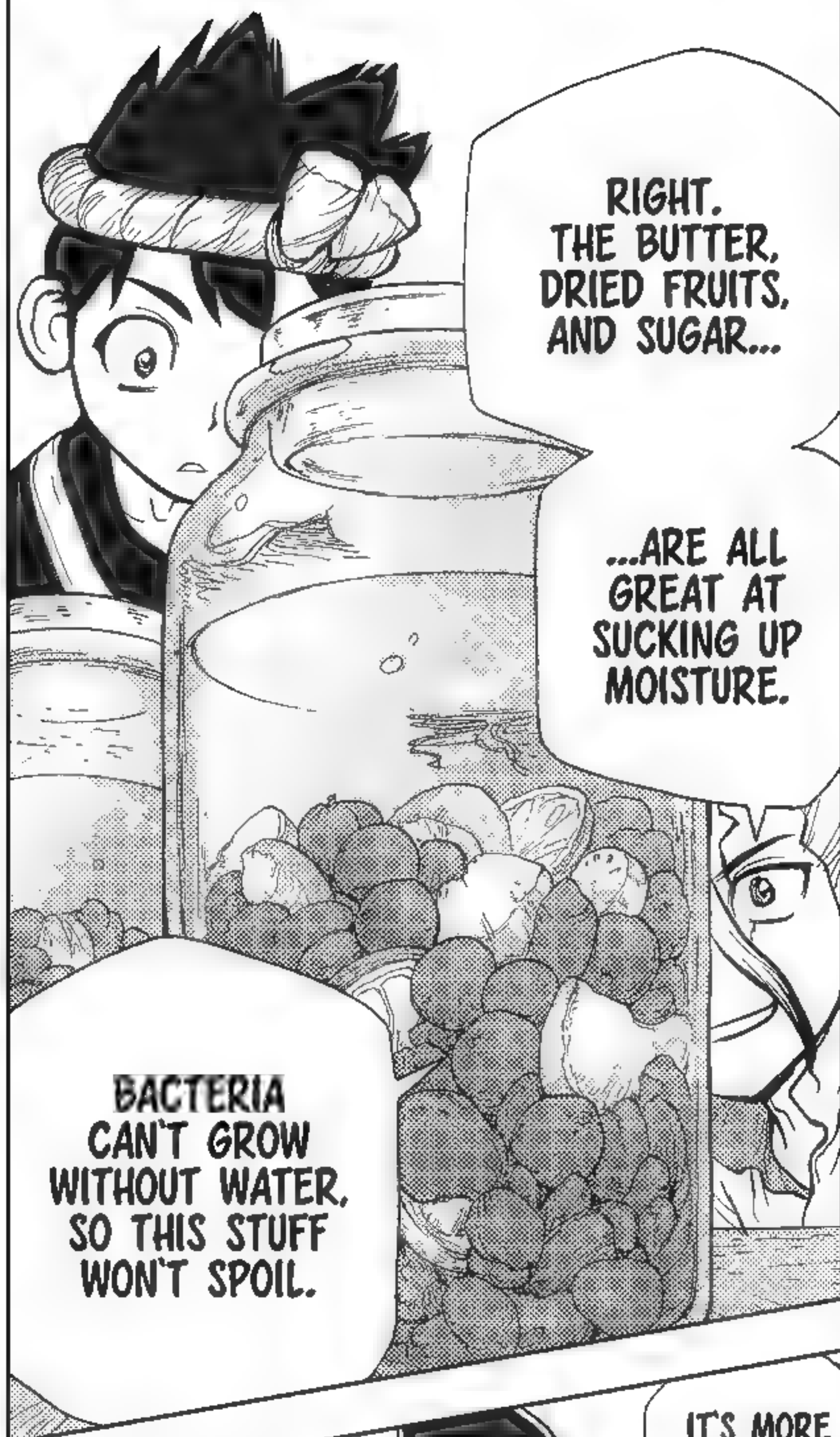


**THIS BREAD  
NEEDS TO  
KEEP FOR TEN  
MONTHS!!**







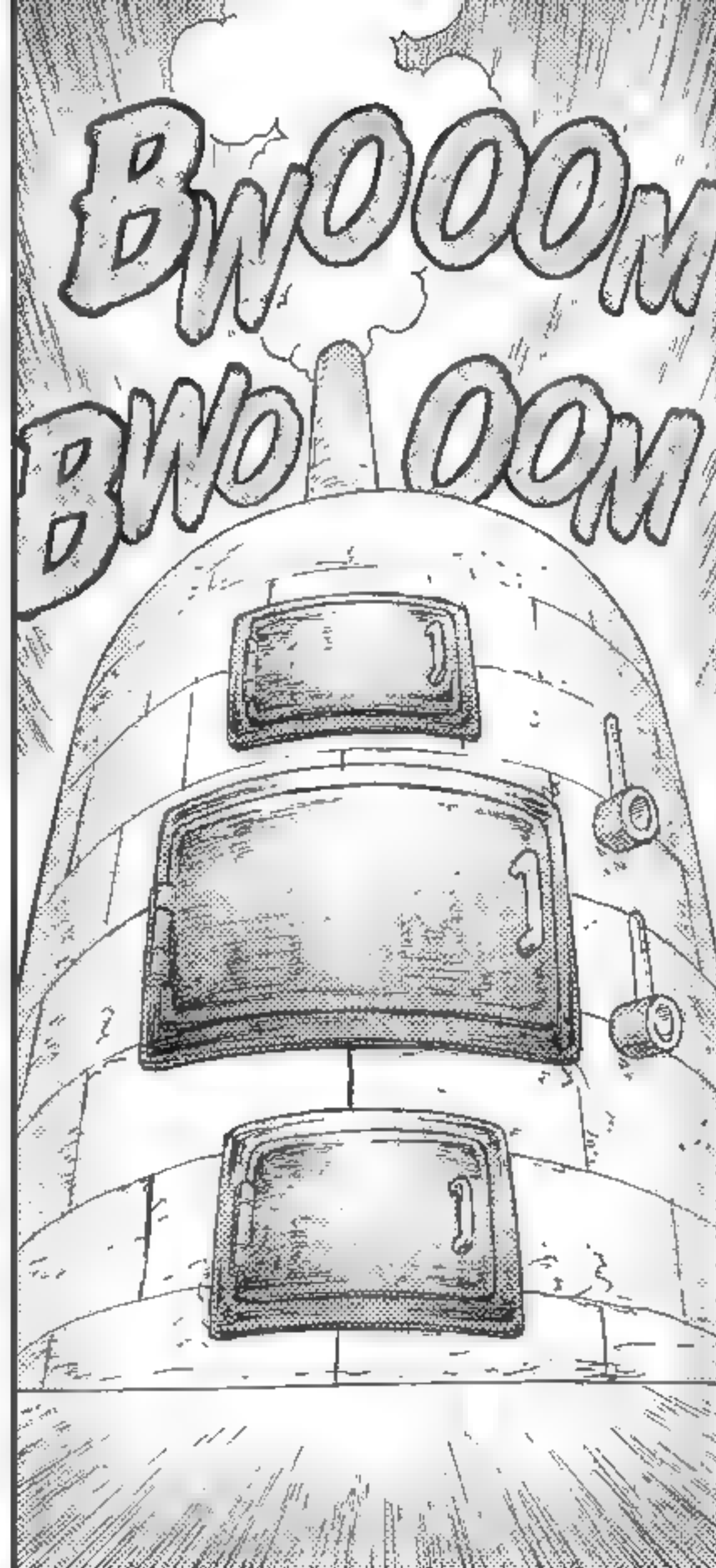






**BECAUSE  
DESIRE ...**

**...IS  
NOBLE!**



THIS WAY  
YOU CAN  
REGULATE THE  
TEMPERATURE  
FROM EACH  
SIDE.

THERE ARE  
TWO SEPARATE  
FIRES IN THIS  
OVEN—  
ABOVE AND  
BELOW.

EXCELLENT!  
FROM THE  
DEPTHS OF  
MY HEART,  
I THANK  
YOU.

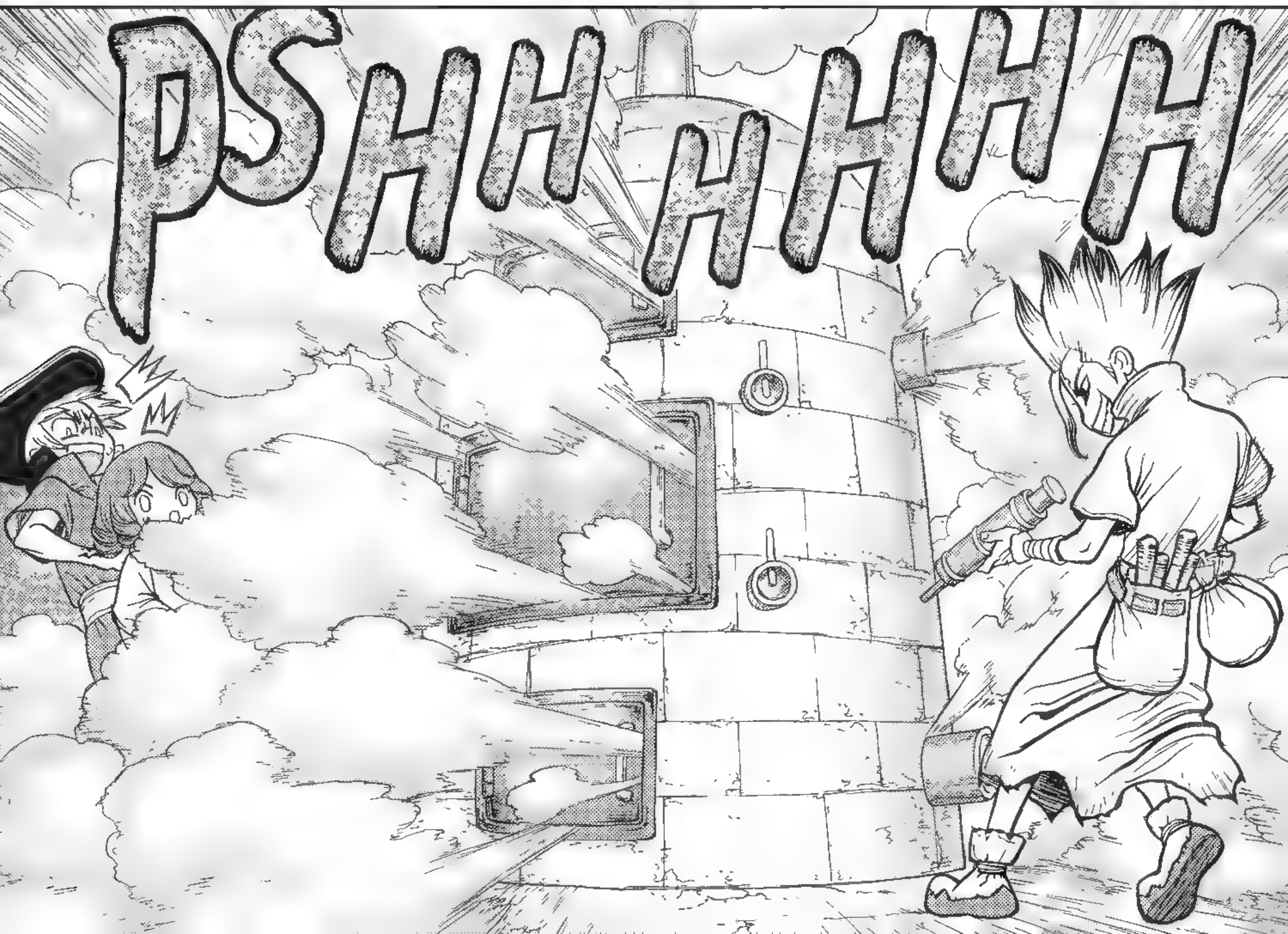
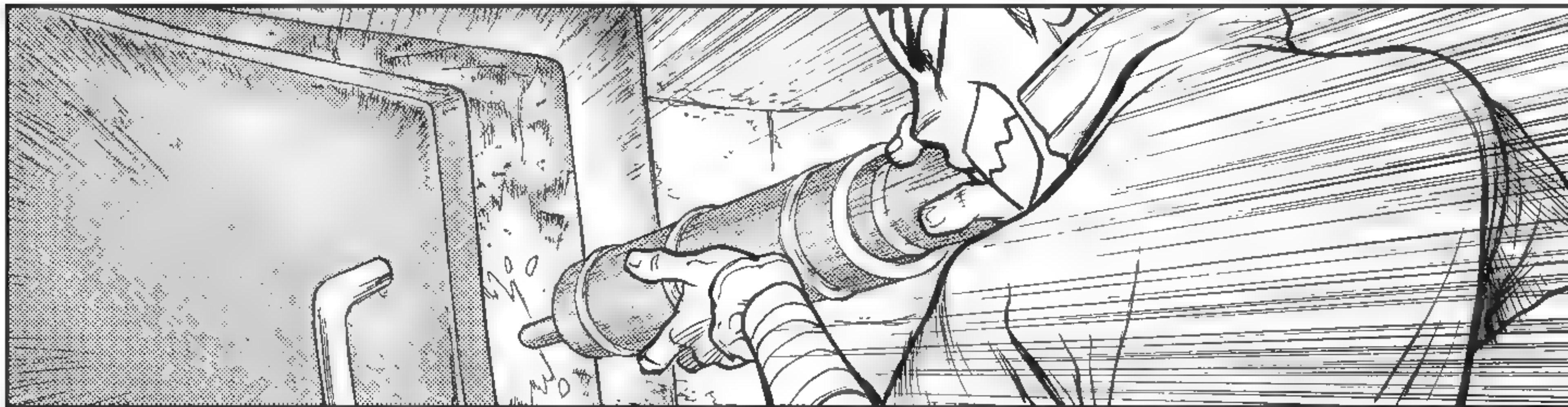
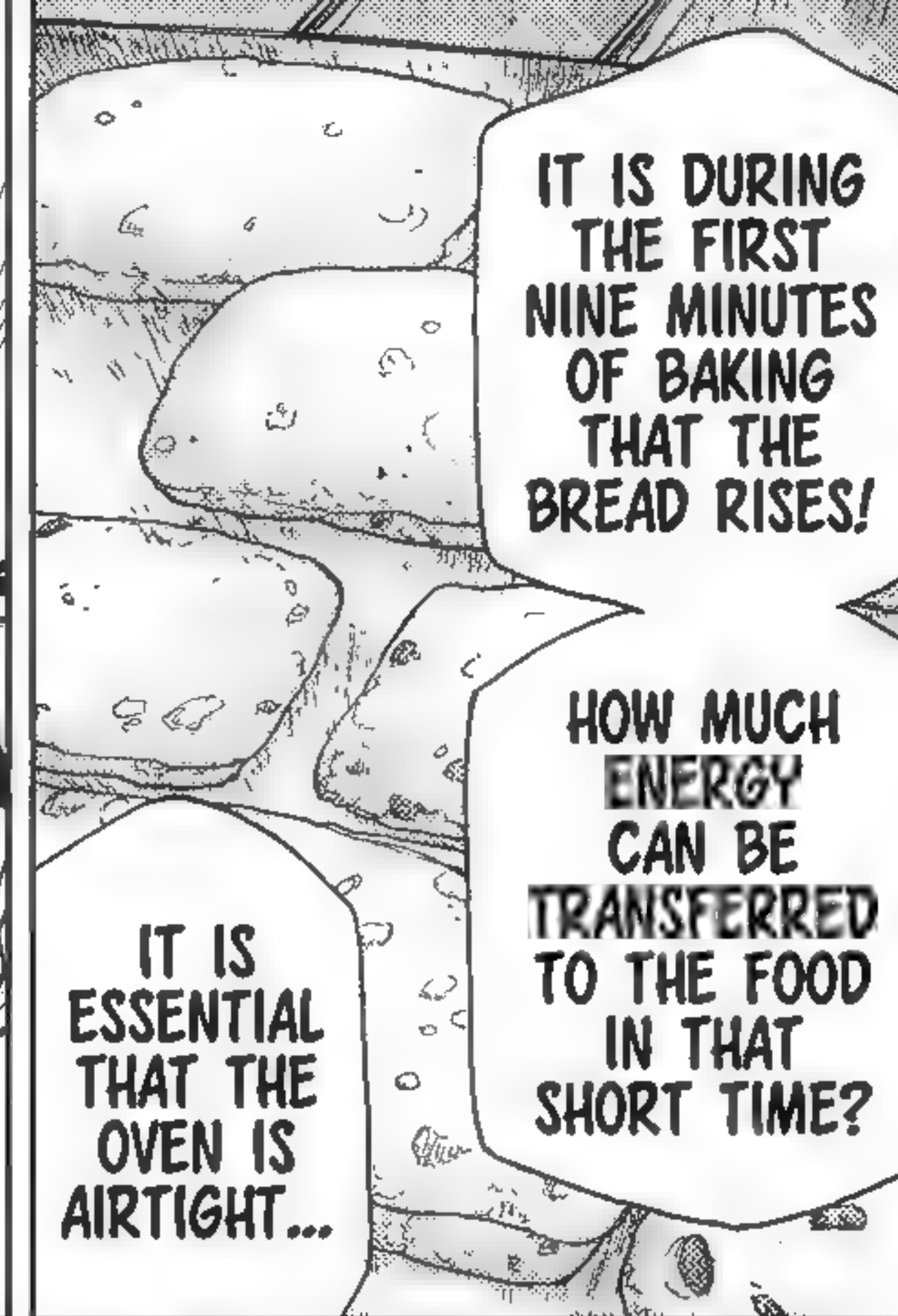
!!  
OO

I AIM FOR  
EXEMPLARY  
SERVICE.

IT IS MY  
DUTY TO  
FULFILL A  
GUEST'S  
EVERY LAST  
DESIRE.









**PSHHHH**

IT'S CRAZY  
HOW SIMPLE  
STEAM IS,  
SCIENTIFICALLY!

HEH HEH  
HEH... THAT  
STEAM'LL  
GIVE US A  
BIG BURST  
OF HEAT IN  
A FLASH!!

IT'S GOT WAY  
MORE ENERGY  
THAN AIR, PACKED  
IN THERE ALL  
DENSE!



...IS  
RICHER  
THAN  
ANYTHING  
I'VE EVER  
KNOWN...

THE SMELL  
COMING  
OUT OF THE  
OVEN...

LOOK!

W-WHOA...  
BAAAD!

PSST

PSST

THAT  
MAN...

SENKU  
ISHIGAMI...

AND IF YOUR  
CONGLOMER-  
ATION IS TO  
DOMINATE  
THIS NEW  
WORLD...

RYUSUI,  
SIR.

AS YOUR  
BUTLER, I  
HAVE EVERY  
INTENTION  
OF REVIVING  
NANAMI  
CORP.



DESIRE...

AND NOW WE'VE GOT THE PERFECT FOOD TO TAKE AROUND THE WORLD WITH US!!

YEP. THIS IS AT LEAST AS TASTY AS ANYTHING MADE BY TOP-TIER BAKERIES!

JUST LIKE A GOOD MADELEINE. A BITE OF THIS...

...JUST MAKES ME DESIRE MORE.

...IS NOBLE!!

Bread acquired!!

HA HA HA! THIS HAS ACTUALLY BROUGHT ME TO TEARS.

THIS IS BASICALLY THE FIRST MODERN MEAL MY BODY'S ENJOYED IN THOUSANDS OF YEARS...

IT'S TOO TASTY! IT'S BREAKING MY BRAIN!!

WHAT'S WITH THIS BAAAAD BREAD?!

AAHH  
HHHH  
HHHH  
HHHH!

I...  
...DESIRE HIM!

HMPH! YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW THAT?

I'M THE GREEDIEST MAN IN THE WORLD, AFTER ALL!

Wo-wo-wo





# Francois

Cooking Skills: ★★★★★

Dedication: ★★★★★

Endurance: ★★★

Full Name: Unknown

Height: 160 cm

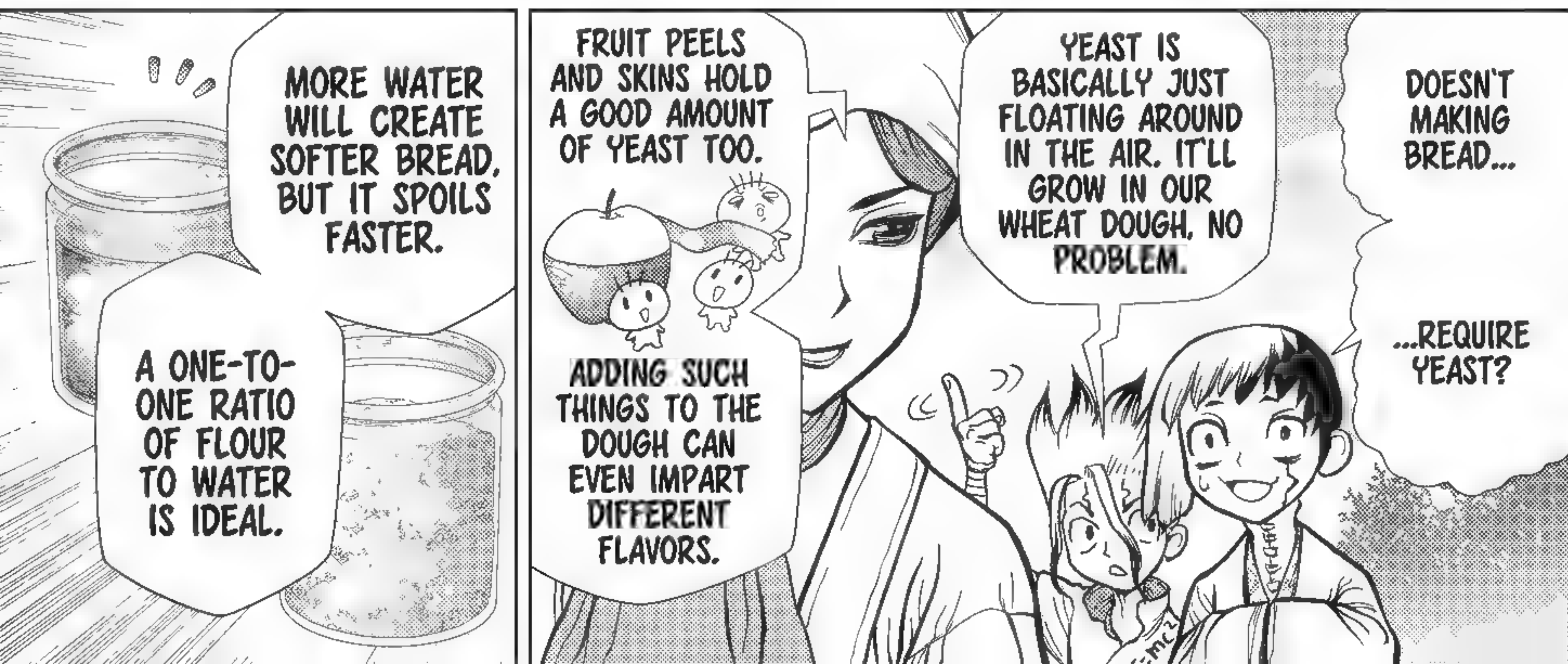
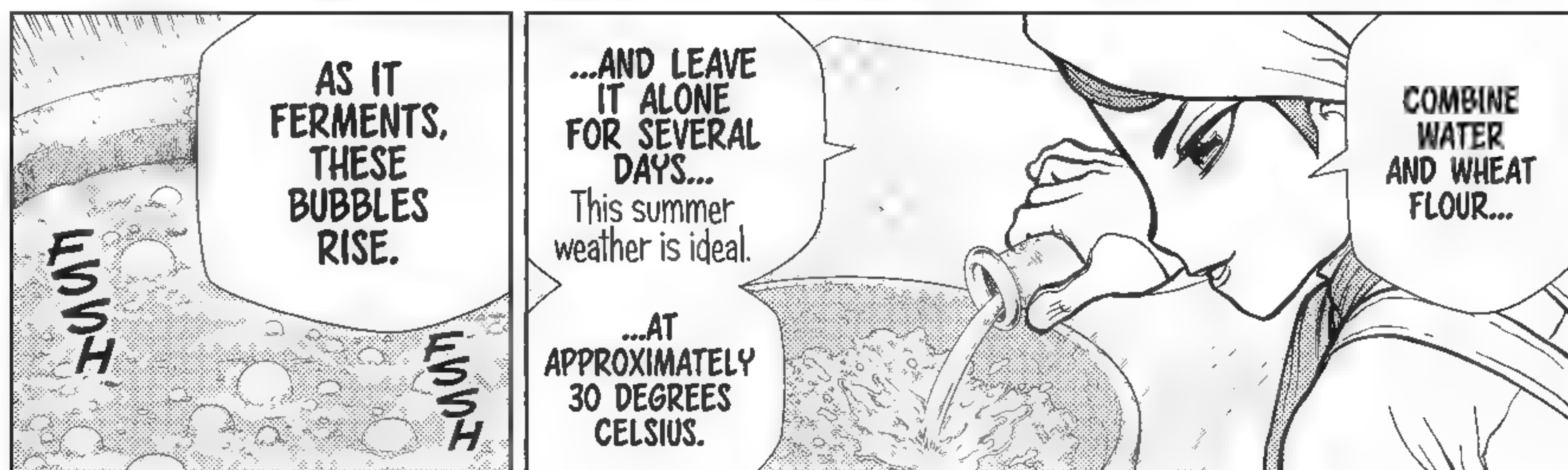
Job in Kingdom: Chef/Butler

Francois's full name, gender and age can all be found out, but Ryusui never thought it was important enough to ask.

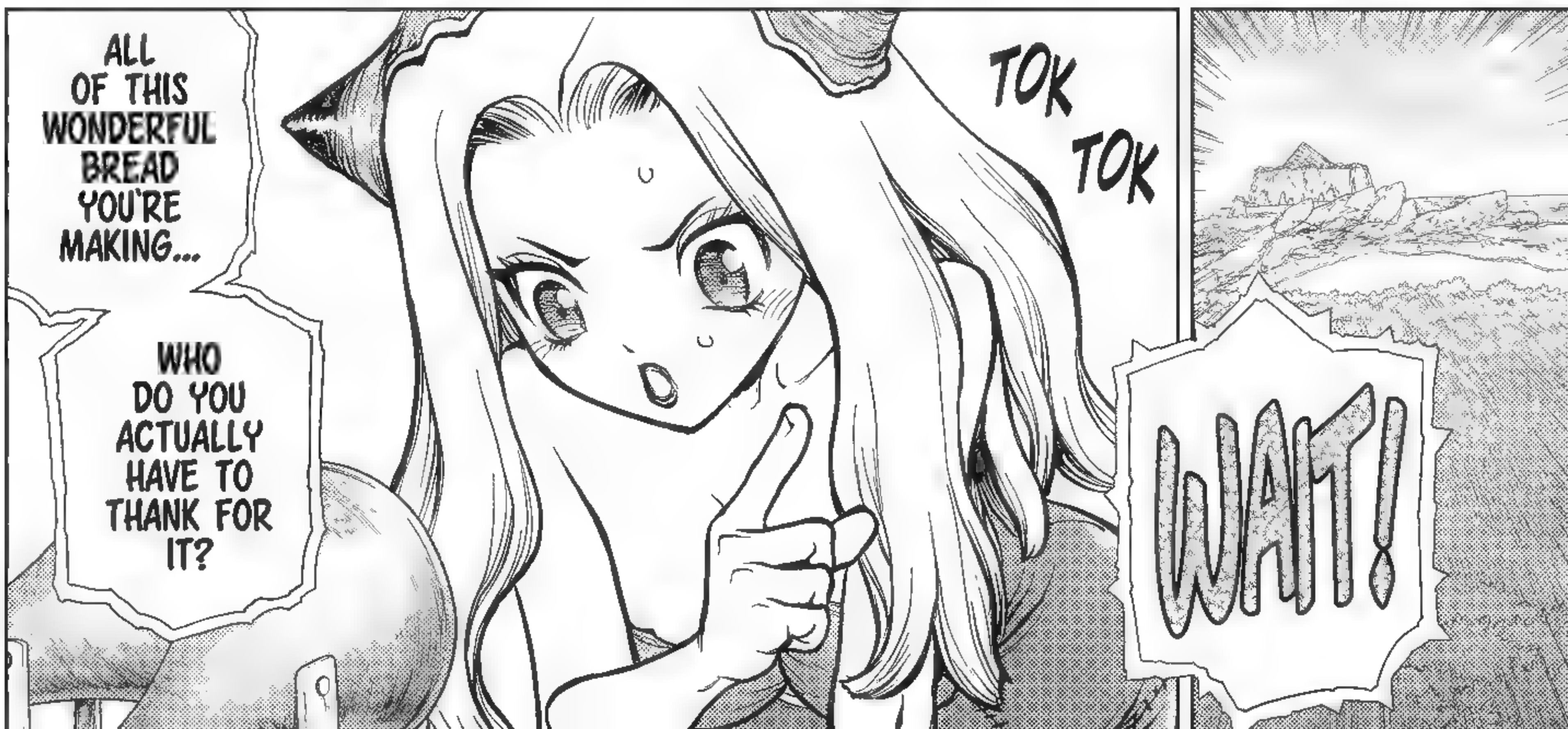
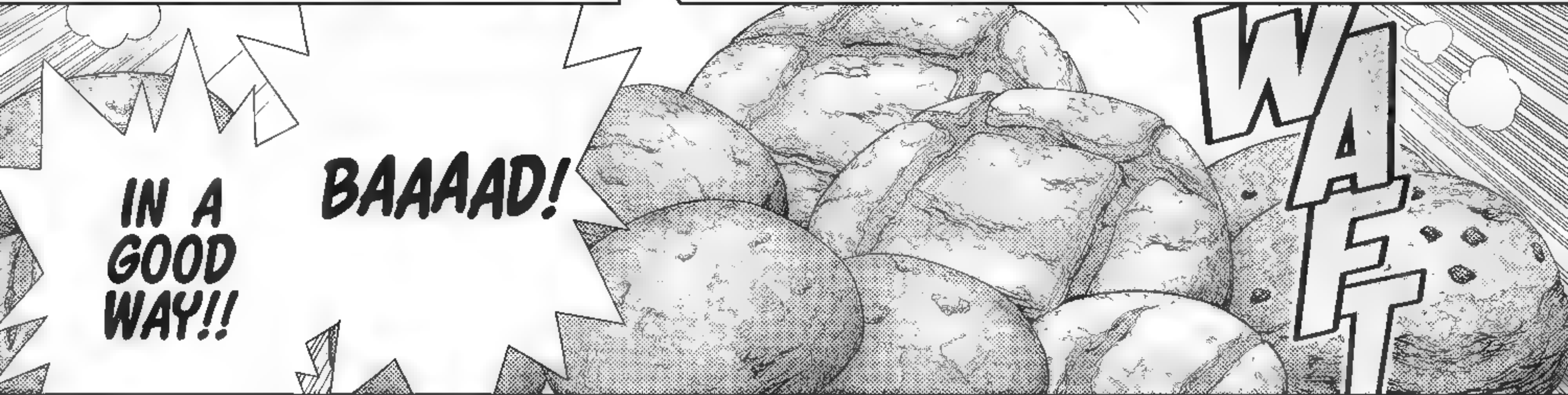
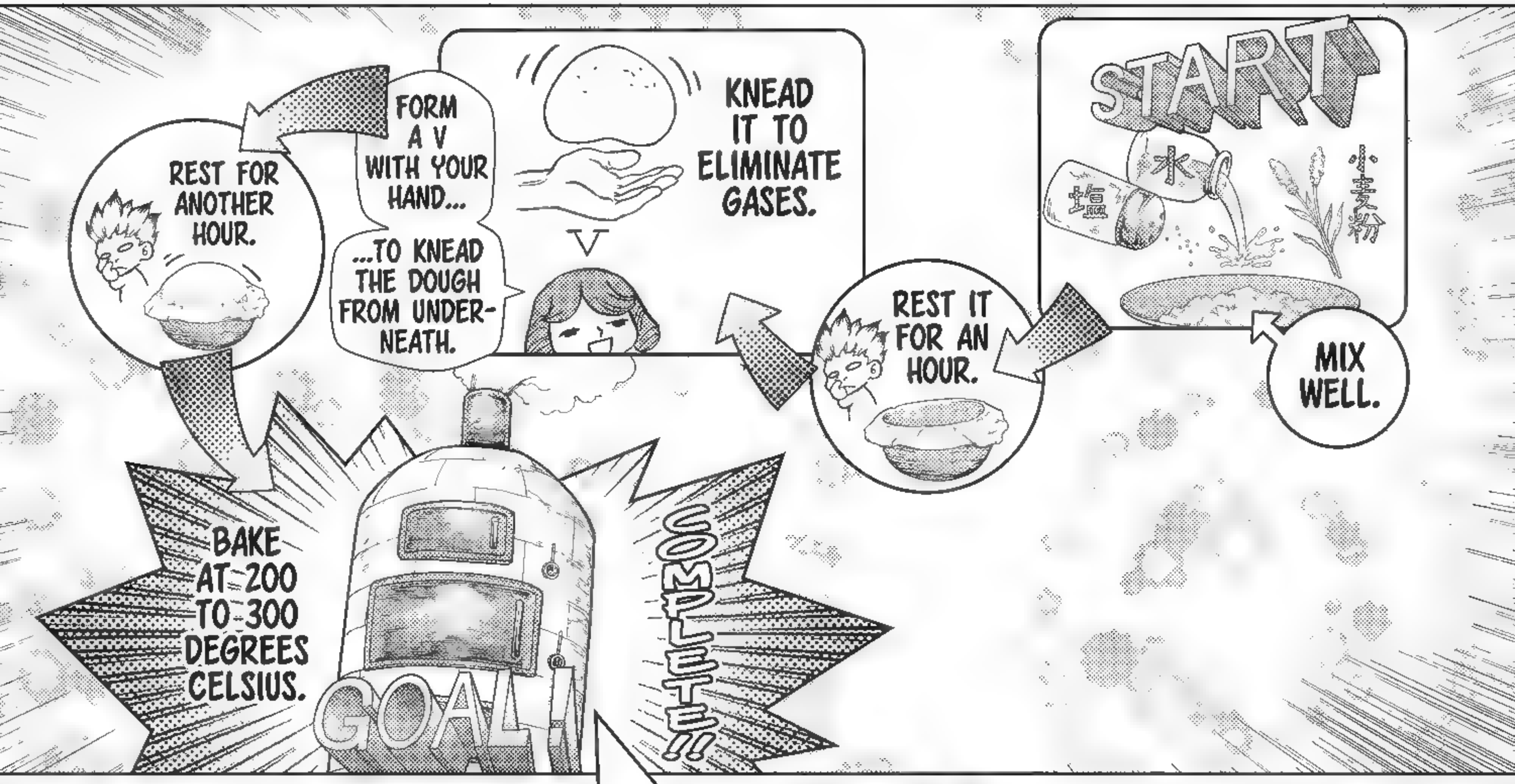
Though Francois is rather slight, the butler hides any signs of fatigue and pretends to boast high endurance.

Francois only rests and takes breaks when nobody is watching, which is also a part of the job. As Francois sees it, managing one's stamina is an important aspect of a butler's duties!













AN  
ANTASTIC-FAY  
PRESENT? IN  
EXCHANGE  
FOR THE  
FLUID?

I  
WANT  
IT!!  
BUT...



AND I WAS  
PROMISED  
A CREATION  
OF MY  
CHOOSING IN  
EXCHANGE!

DON'T  
THINK I'VE  
FORGOTTEN  
ABOUT  
THAT!!

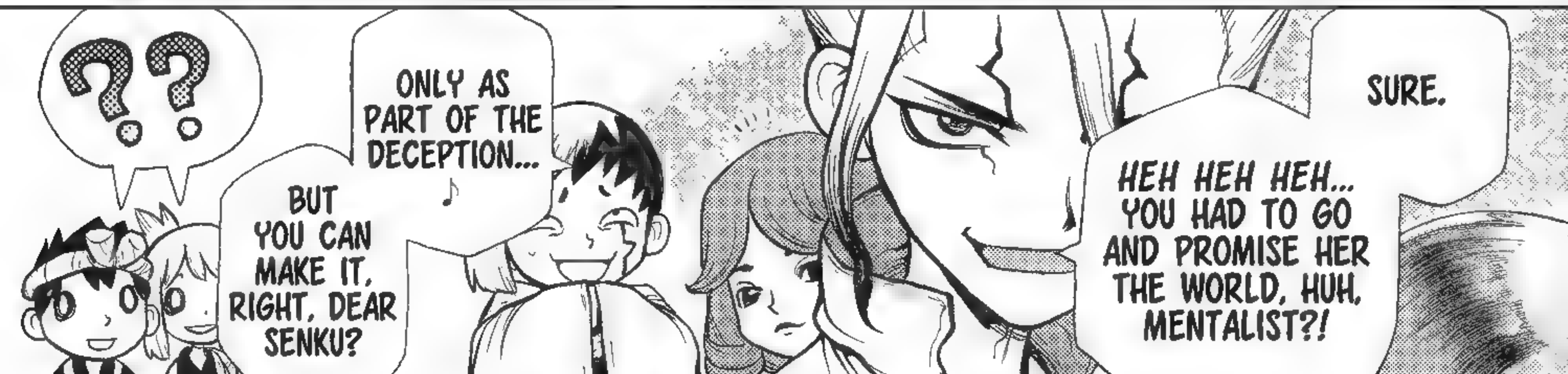
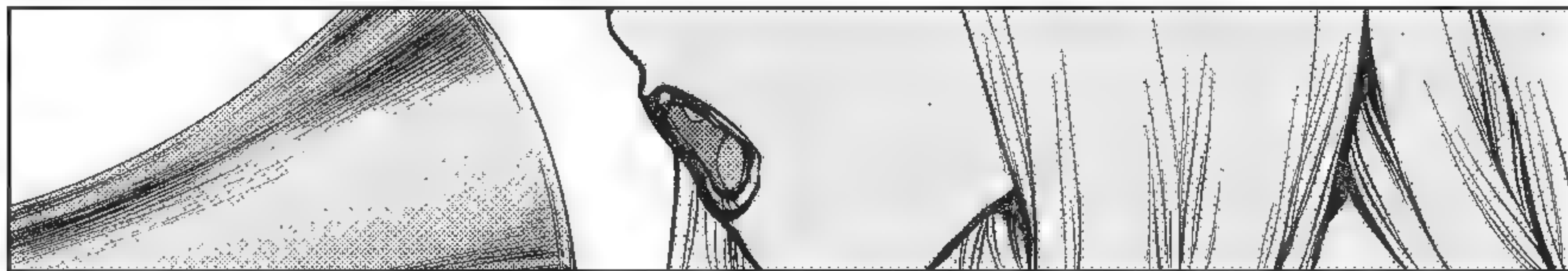


**NO!  
WRONG!!**

I mean,  
not wrong.  
Francois  
did play a  
part, but...

**I DONATED  
MY LAST  
PRECIOUS DOSE  
OF REVIVAL  
FLUID TO THE  
CAUSE!!**

**FRANCOIS!**



??

ONLY AS  
PART OF THE  
DECEPTION...

BUT  
YOU CAN  
MAKE IT,  
RIGHT, DEAR  
SENKU?

SURE.

HEH HEH HEH...  
YOU HAD TO GO  
AND PROMISE HER  
THE WORLD, HUH,  
MENTALIST?!



**DON'T  
UNDER-  
ESTIMATE  
A GOOD  
ARTISAN!!**

THINK  
ABOUT HOW  
MUCH TIME  
I'VE HAD...

...SINCE  
WE  
PARTED  
WAYS,  
SENKU.



IT'S GONNA  
TAKE SOME  
DELICATE  
CRAFTING.

WE REALLY  
NEED YOU  
FOR THIS,  
KASEKI.



NO SWEAT!  
I CAN  
CARRY HIM  
THE WHOLE  
WAY!!

BUT ISHIGAMI  
VILLAGE IS A  
LONG WAY TO  
WALK FOR POOR  
OLD KASEKI.

OHO HO!  
THANKS FOR  
THE KIND  
OFFER, BUT I  
WILL MANAGE.

CAN WE  
REALLY CALL  
FOR HIM SO  
CASUALLY?



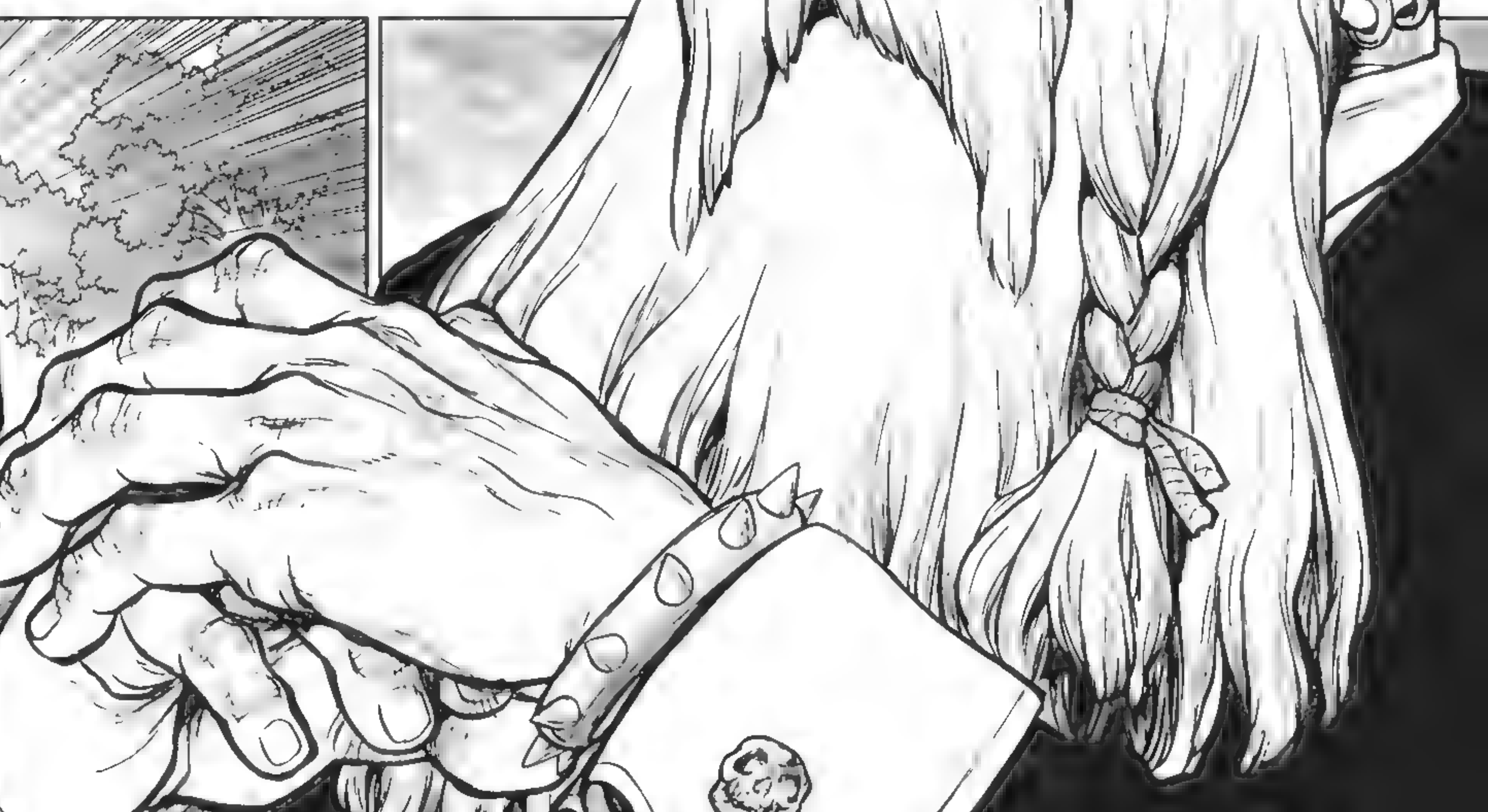
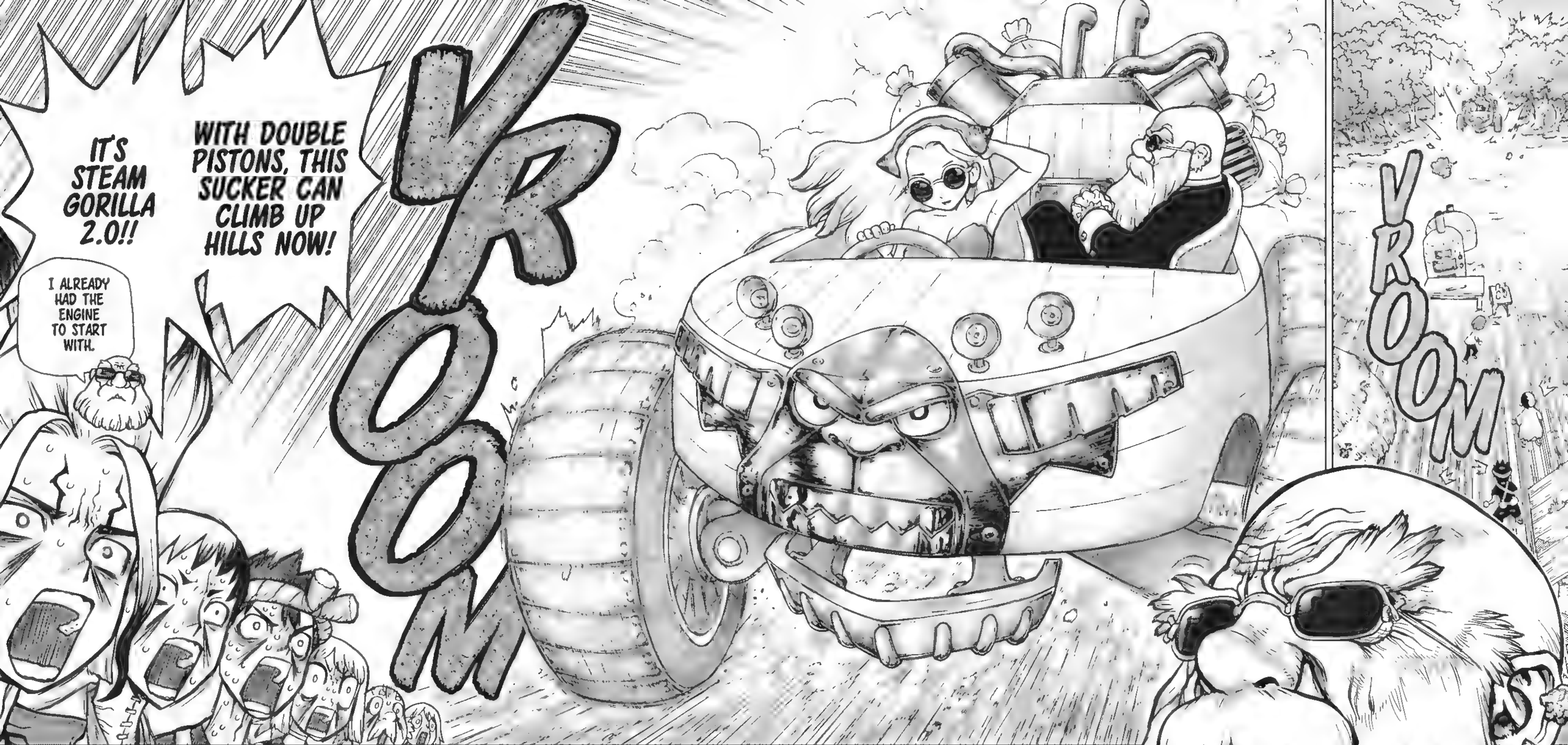
IT'S  
STEAM  
GORILLA  
2.0!!

WITH DOUBLE  
PISTONS, THIS  
SUCKER CAN  
CLIMB UP  
HILLS NOW!

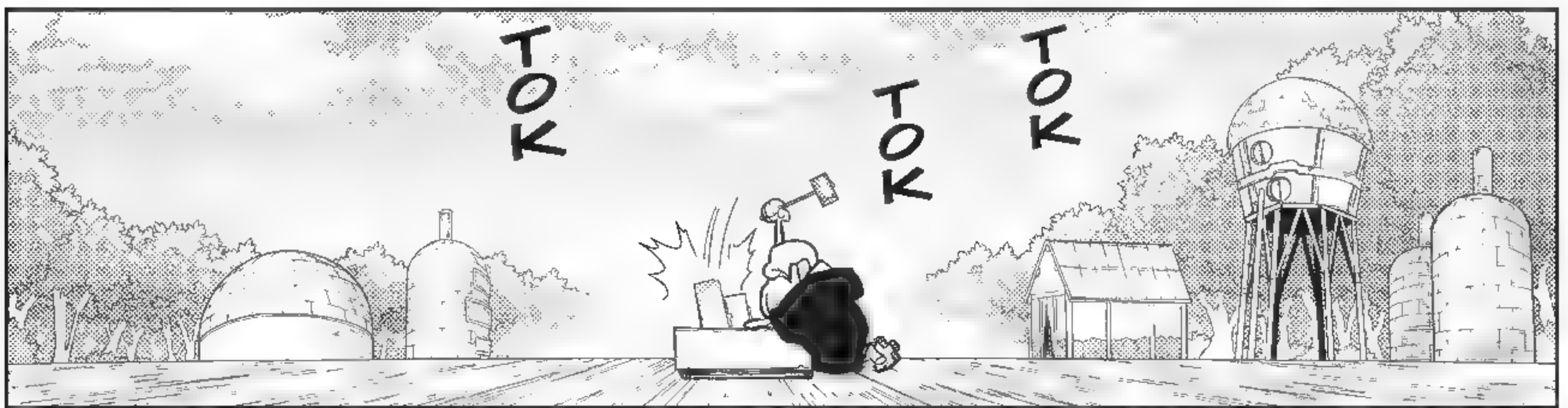
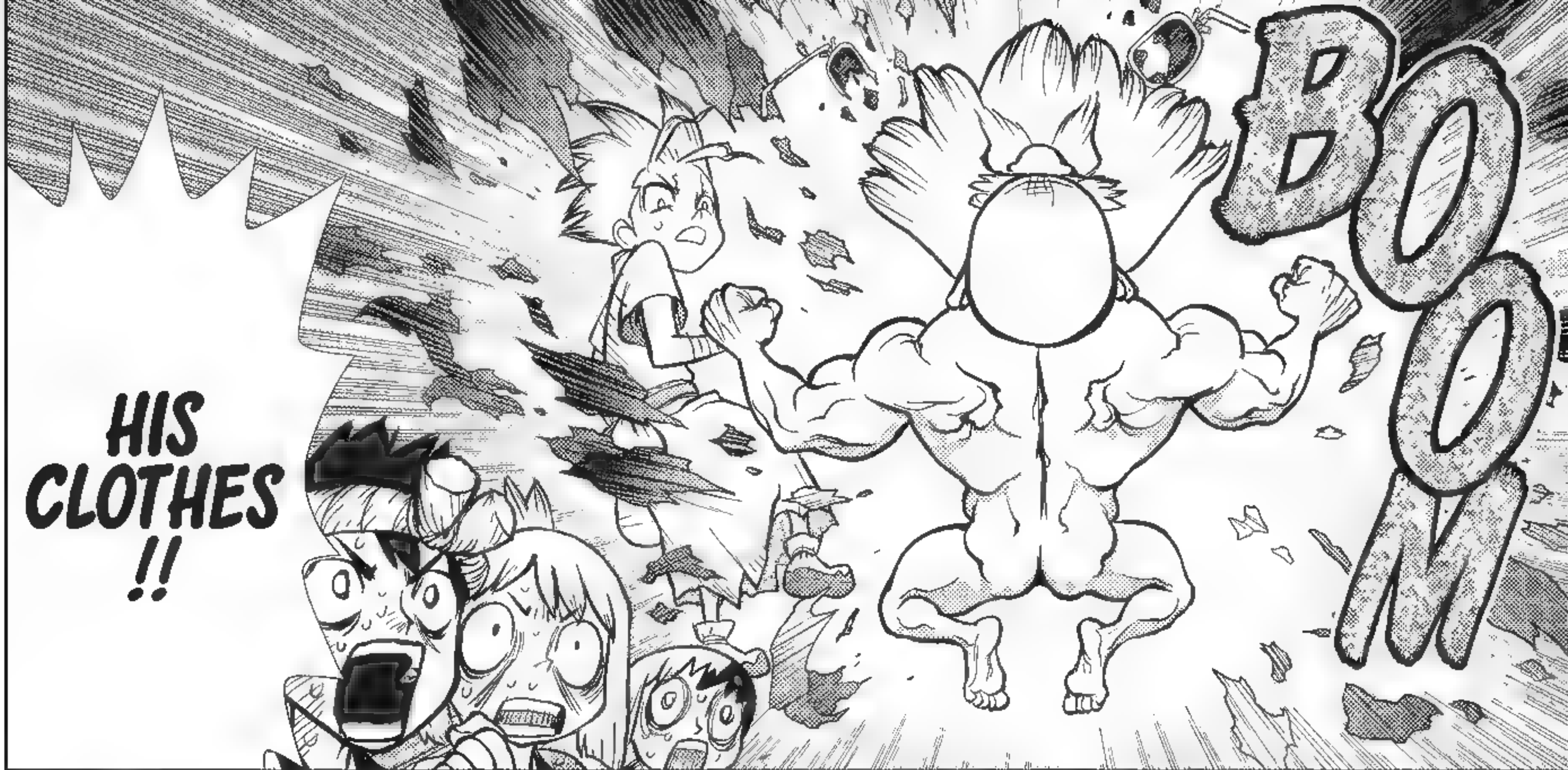
I ALREADY  
HAD THE  
ENGINE  
TO START  
WITH.

K  
O  
O  
N

V  
R  
O  
O  
M















YOU  
MEAN...

WAIT!

!!

AND OUR  
FILM IS  
LOADED.

DUMP IT  
OUT...

THE WHOLE  
THING'S GONNA  
WORK LIKE A  
DARKROOM,  
RIGHT?

POUR SALT  
WATER  
INTO THE  
LITTLE  
HOLE...

...AND  
CLOSE IT  
TIGHTLY.

STICK A  
MIRROR  
INTO THE  
CASE  
KASEKI  
MADE...







ON  
THAT DAY,  
THOUSANDS  
OF YEARS  
AGO...

IT WAS  
LOST  
FOREVER...

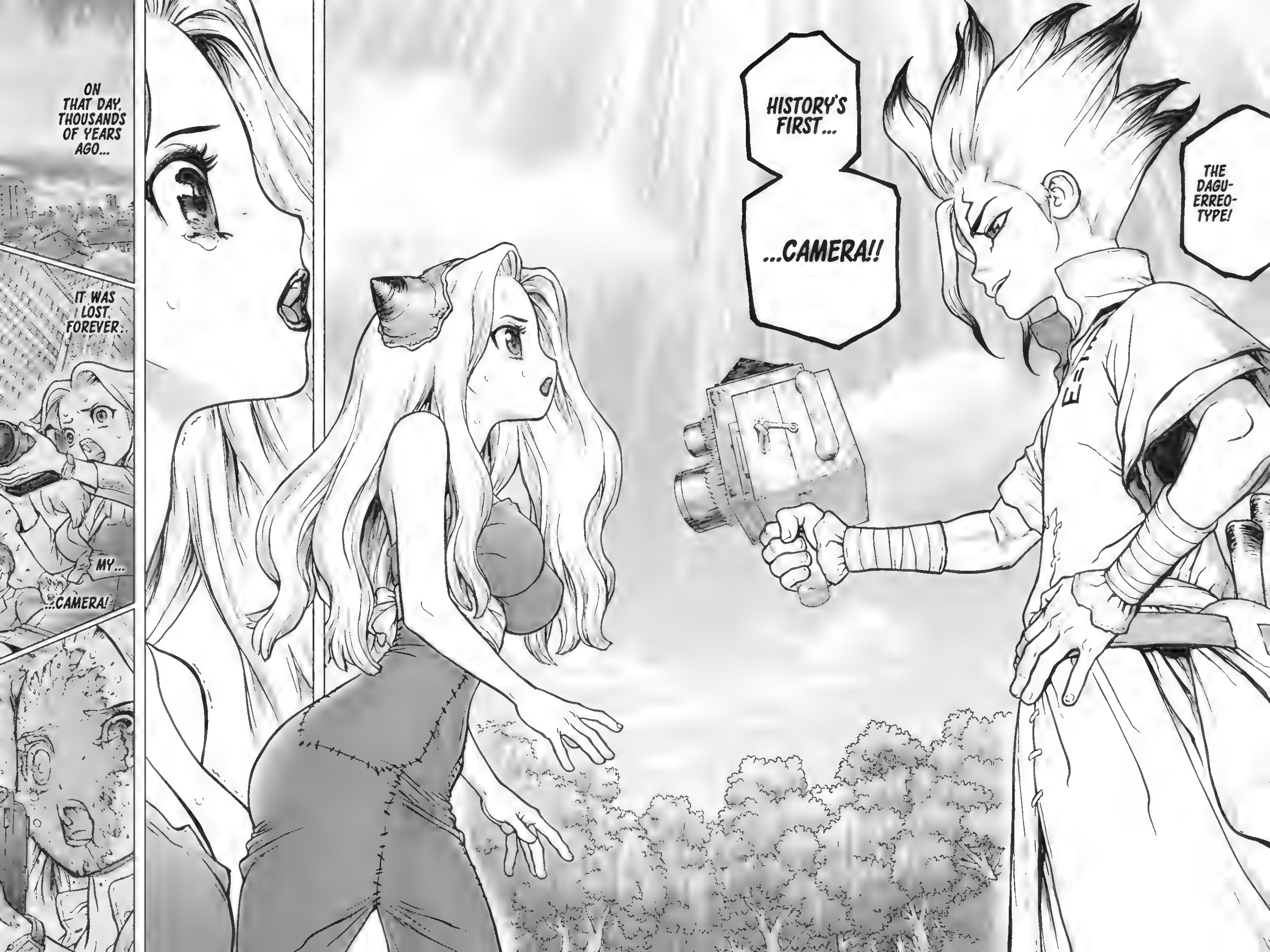
MY...

...CAMERA!

HISTORY'S  
FIRST...

...CAMERA!!

THE  
DAGU-  
ERREO-  
TYPE!





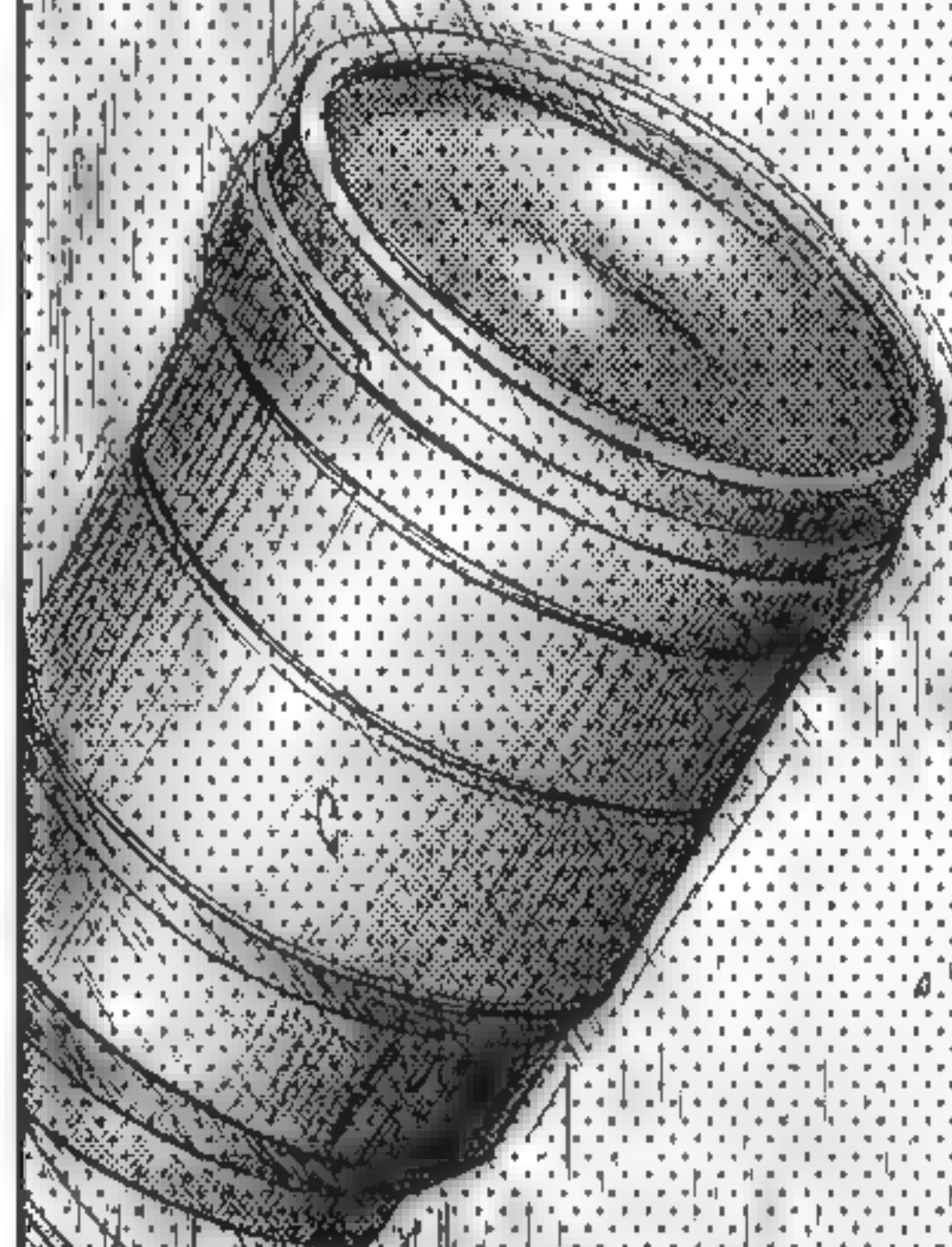
WITH THIS  
CAMERA...

THANK  
YOU.

...I'LL  
CAPTURE  
IT ALL.

A RECORD  
OF THE  
CIVILIZATION  
WE'RE  
BUILDING  
FROM  
SCRATCH.

A RECORD  
OF OUR NEW  
WORLD.











ME?  
NONSENSE.

WE'RE  
MARKING THE  
ADVENT OF  
OUR SCIENTIFIC  
CIVILIZATION.

SO OF  
COURSE YOUR  
MODEL WILL  
BE SENKU.

AM I  
WRONG?

HUH?



DO NOT  
MISJUDGE  
MASTER  
RYUSUI.

...AND BE  
EXHIBITED IN  
THE NANAMI  
MUSEUM!!

THIS  
MOMENT  
WILL GO  
DOWN IN  
NEW WORLD  
HISTORY...



...IN  
ANTICIPATION  
OF THIS  
PHOTO SHOOT.

PARDON MY  
PRESUMPTUOUSNESS,  
BUT I REQUESTED  
THAT MASTER  
KASEKI BRING ALONG  
MASTER RYUSUI'S  
COLLECTION...

FRANCOIS'S  
A PRO AT  
PLANNING  
AHEAD.  
WOW.

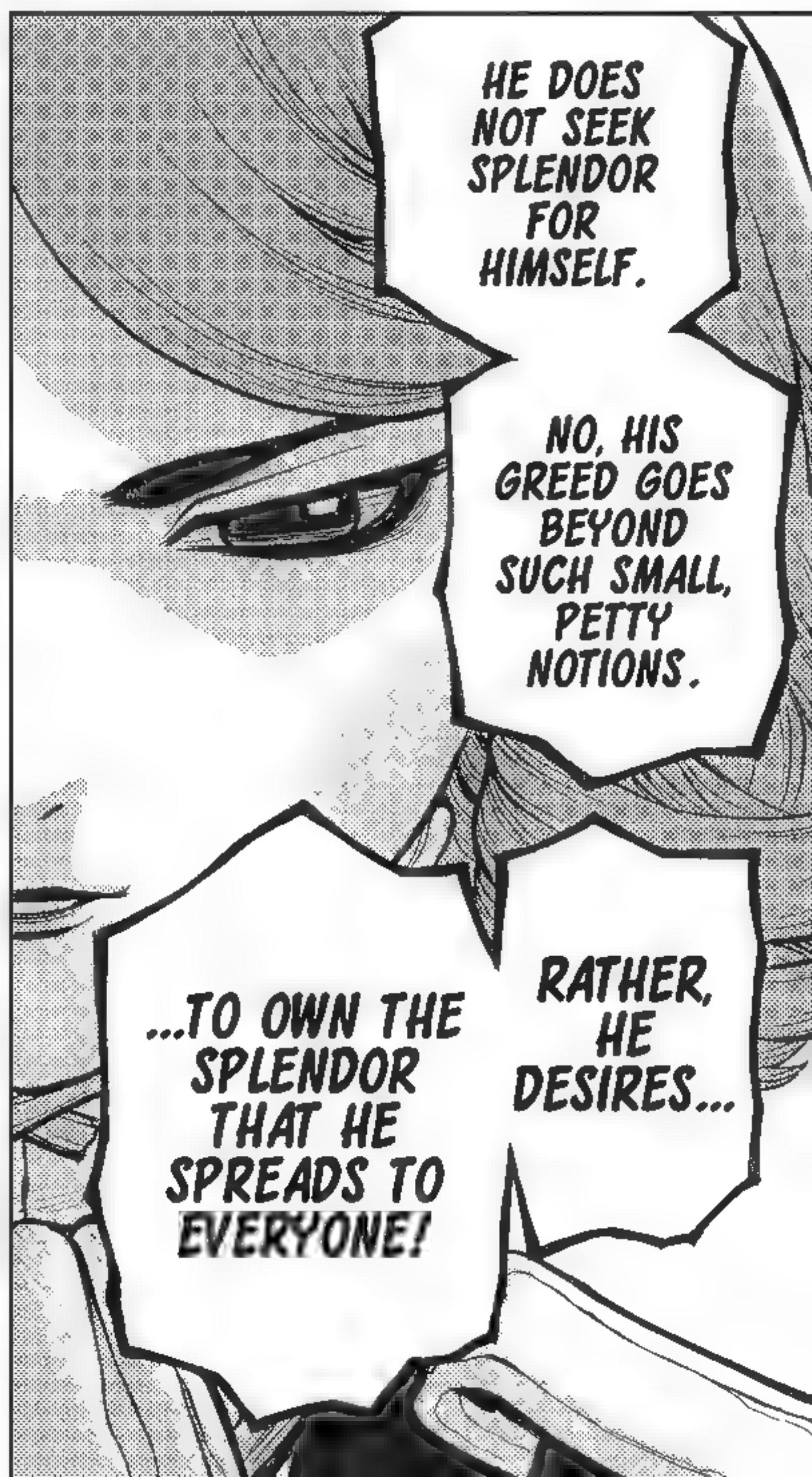
THAT  
WAS MY  
CARGO.  
YEP.

HA HA!  
FRANCOIS  
NEVER  
MISSES A  
BEAT!!



WHICH  
MAKES  
IT THE  
PERFECT  
TIME FOR  
THIS!

TUG



HE DOES  
NOT SEEK  
SPLENDOR  
FOR  
HIMSELF.

NO, HIS  
GREED GOES  
BEYOND  
SUCH SMALL,  
PETTY  
NOTIONS.

...TO OWN THE  
SPLENDOR  
THAT HE  
SPREADS TO  
EVERYONE!

RATHER,  
HE  
DESIRES...









THESE LONG  
EXPOSURE  
SHOTS DON'T  
HAPPEN  
INSTANTLY,  
SO...

...WE NEED  
SMOOTH  
SAILING TO  
KEEP IT  
FROM BEING  
BLURRY!!

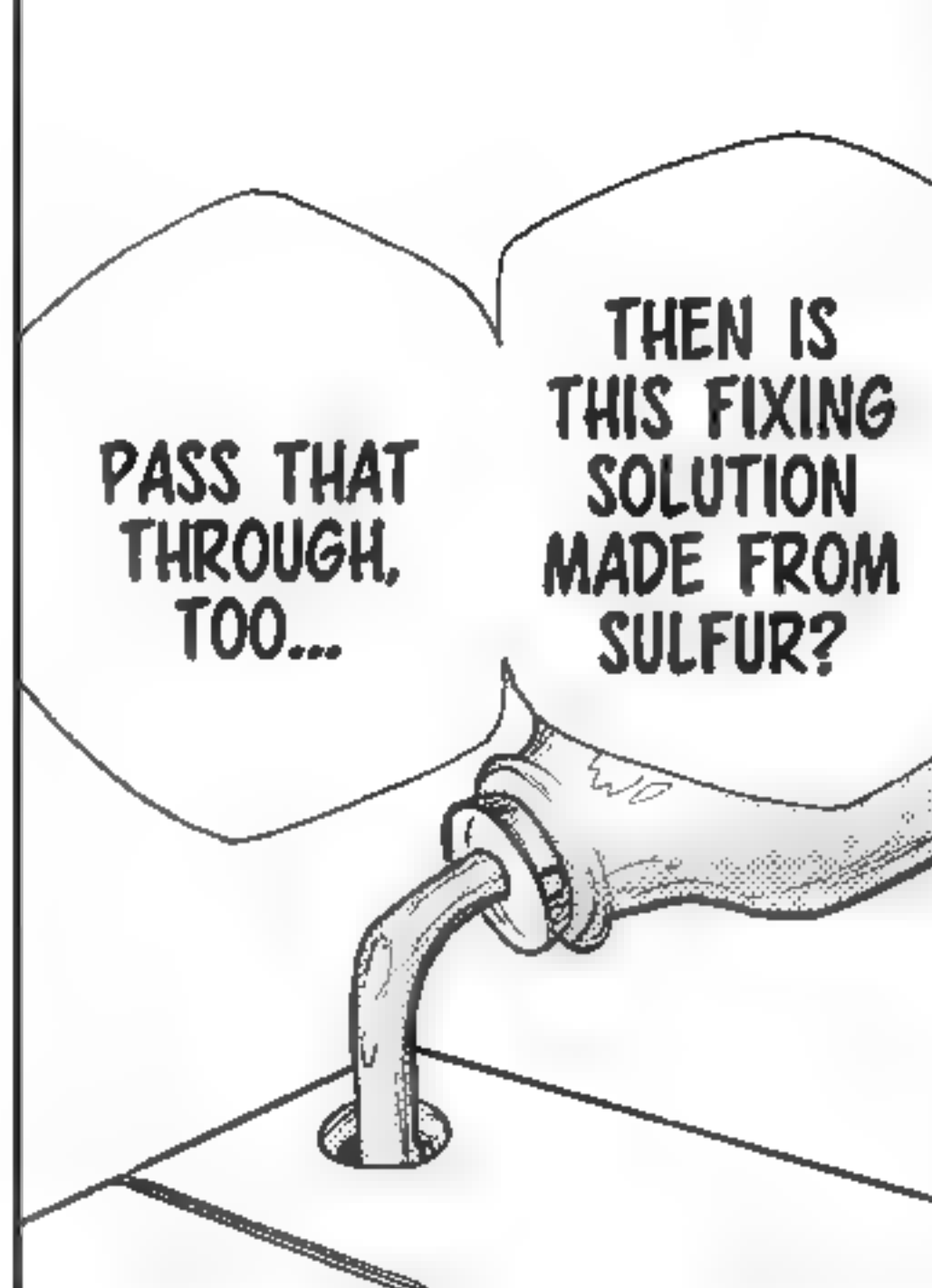
HA HA!  
YOU'RE  
TALKING TO  
THE KING  
OF THE  
WINDS!!

WITH THIS,  
THAT OIL  
FIELD...

...IS AS  
GOOD AS  
FOUND!!

$E=mc^2$





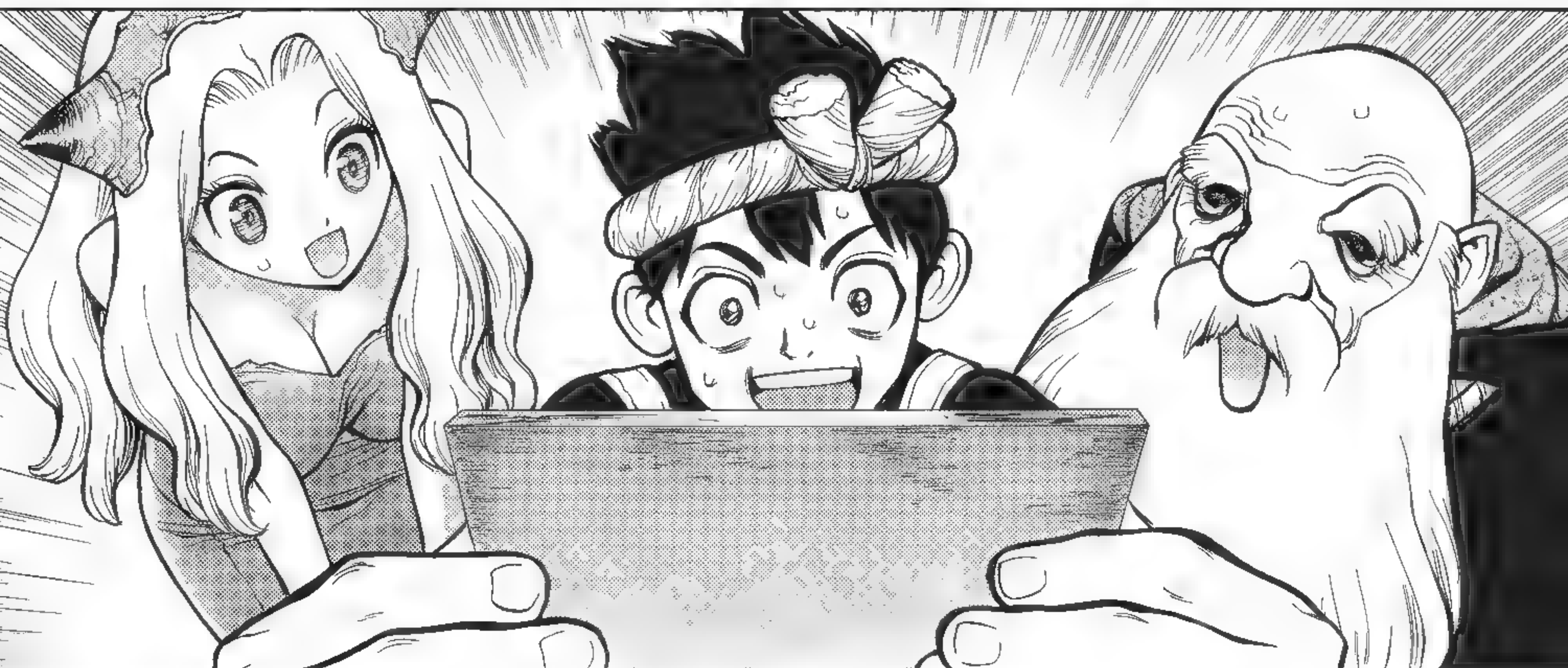
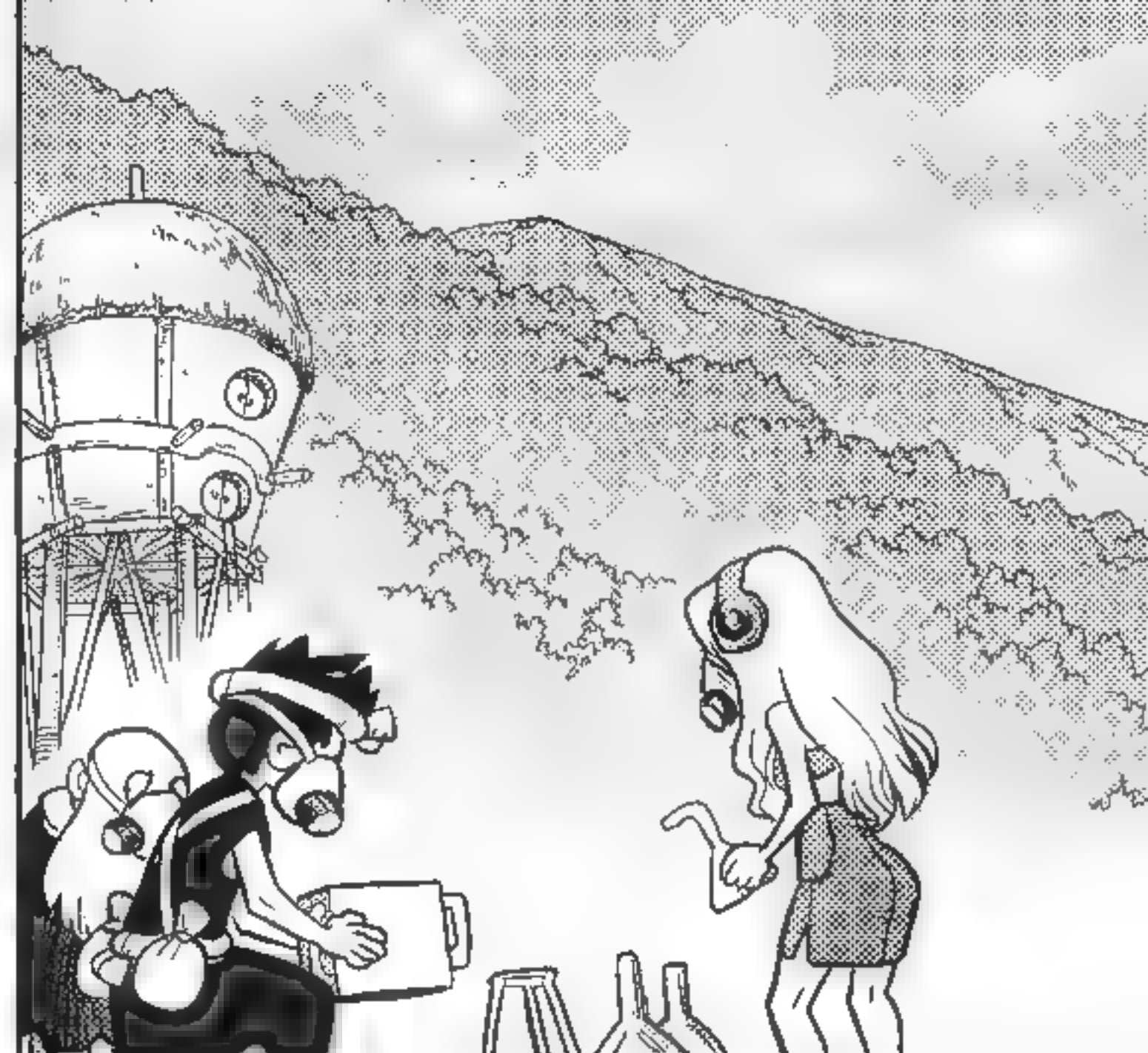
PASS THAT  
THROUGH,  
TOO...

THEN IS  
THIS FIXING  
SOLUTION  
MADE FROM  
SULFUR?



SENKU SAID  
THE NEXT  
STEP...

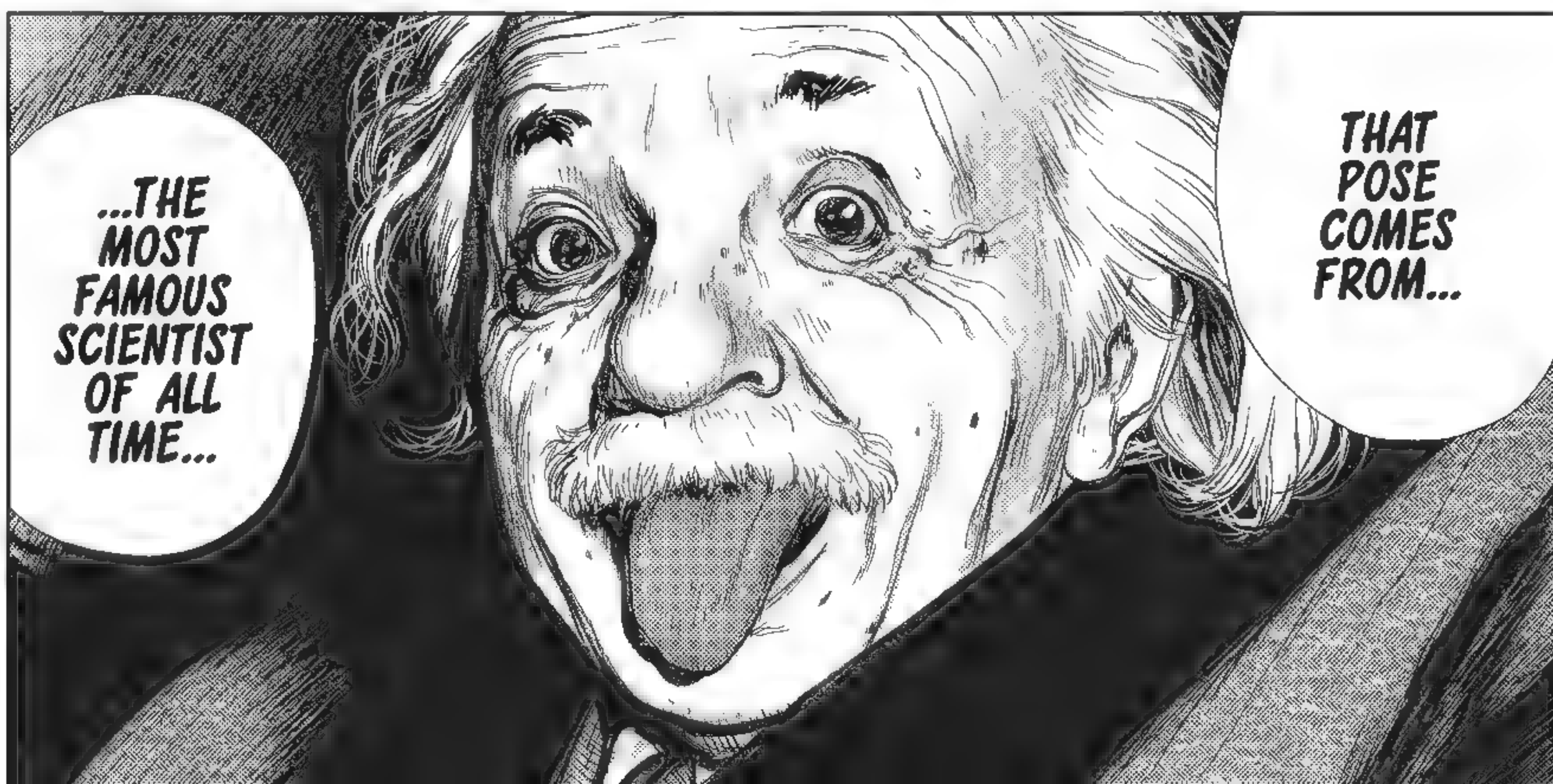
...IS  
TO RUN  
MERCURY  
THROUGH  
HERE.



HEH. ONLY  
US MODERN-  
TIMERS WOULD  
RECOGNIZE IT,  
I GUESS.

SO WHAT'S  
THIS POSE  
ALL ABOUT?

OHO HO!  
THERE'S  
SENKU, ON  
THIS LITTLE  
PLATE!



...THE  
MOST  
FAMOUS  
SCIENTIST  
OF ALL  
TIME...

THAT  
POSE  
COMES  
FROM...





Photography  
acquired!!

LumC2





**NO  
FREAKING  
WAY!**

**ANOTHER  
POSSIBLE  
POSE FOR  
THE PHOTO**





**Z=94: The Scent of Black Gold**





**...WILL  
HELP  
US FIND  
OUR OIL  
FIELD!!**

**AERIAL  
PHOTOG-  
RAPHY...**



**WE'LL FIND  
THAT BLACK  
GOLD...**

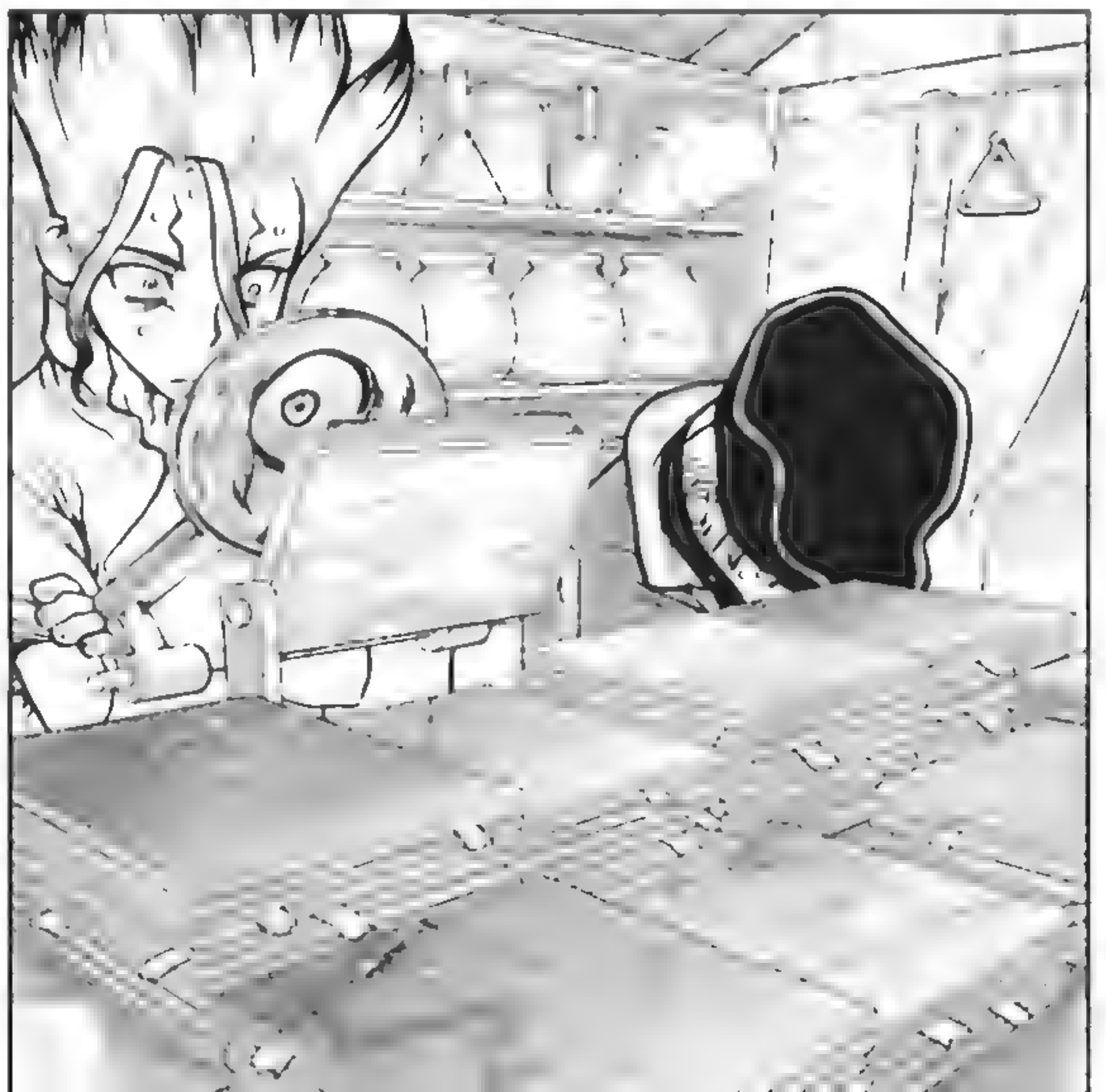
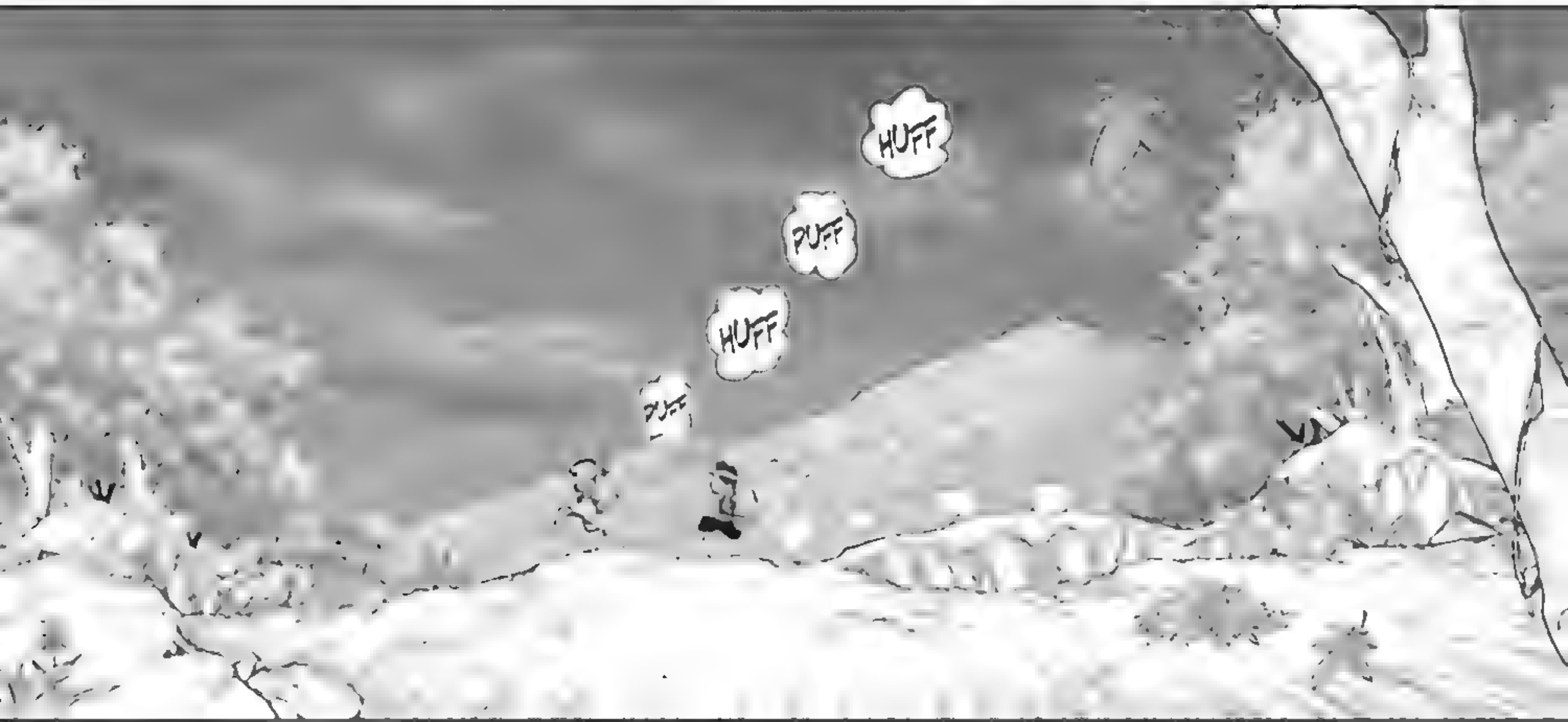
**...SLUMBER-  
ING IN THE  
EARTH!!**

**HMPH! WE'LL  
JUST HAVE TO  
GET THE JOB  
DONE BEFORE  
THEN!**

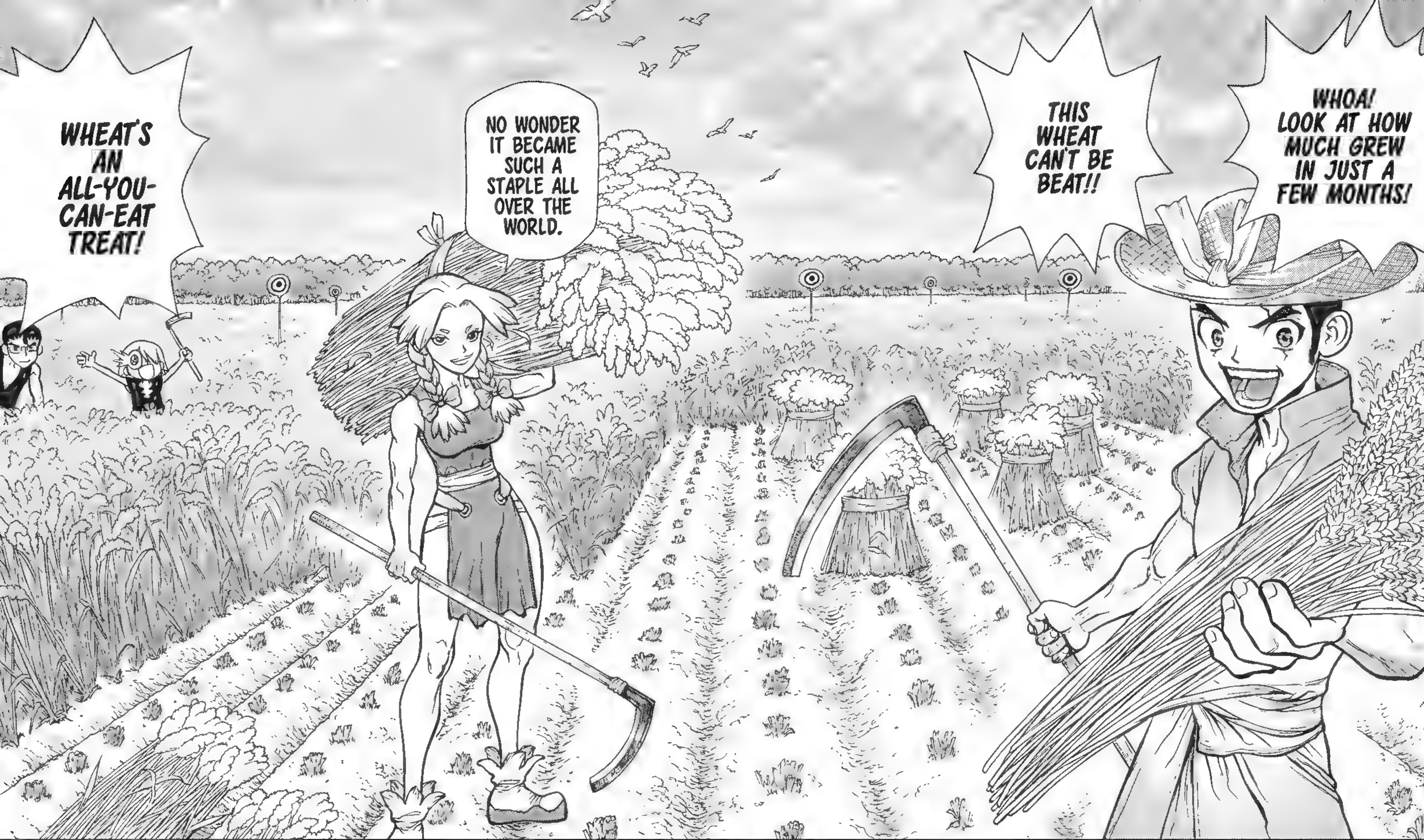
**WE  
GOTTA SNAP  
TEN BILLION  
SHOTS BEFORE  
WINTER!**

**ONCE THE  
LANDSCAPE'S  
COVERED IN  
SNOW, WE'RE  
NOT FINDING  
ANYTHING.**









WHEAT'S  
AN  
ALL-YOU-  
CAN-EAT  
TREAT!

NO WONDER  
IT BECAME  
SUCH A  
STAPLE ALL  
OVER THE  
WORLD.

THIS  
WHEAT  
CAN'T BE  
BEAT!!

WHOA!  
LOOK AT HOW  
MUCH GREW  
IN JUST A  
FEW MONTHS!



OHO HO!  
THESE  
AERIAL  
PHOTOS...

...ARE  
MIGHTY  
USEFUL FOR  
STOCKING  
UP FOR  
WINTER!

AH, IT'S  
AUTUMN  
AGAIN...



FARMING  
PRODUCES FAR  
MORE FOOD THAN  
HUNTING AND  
GATHERING EVER  
DID, BUT...

ONLY YOU  
CAN WITH  
YOUR STUPID  
NEVER-  
ENDING  
STAMINA.

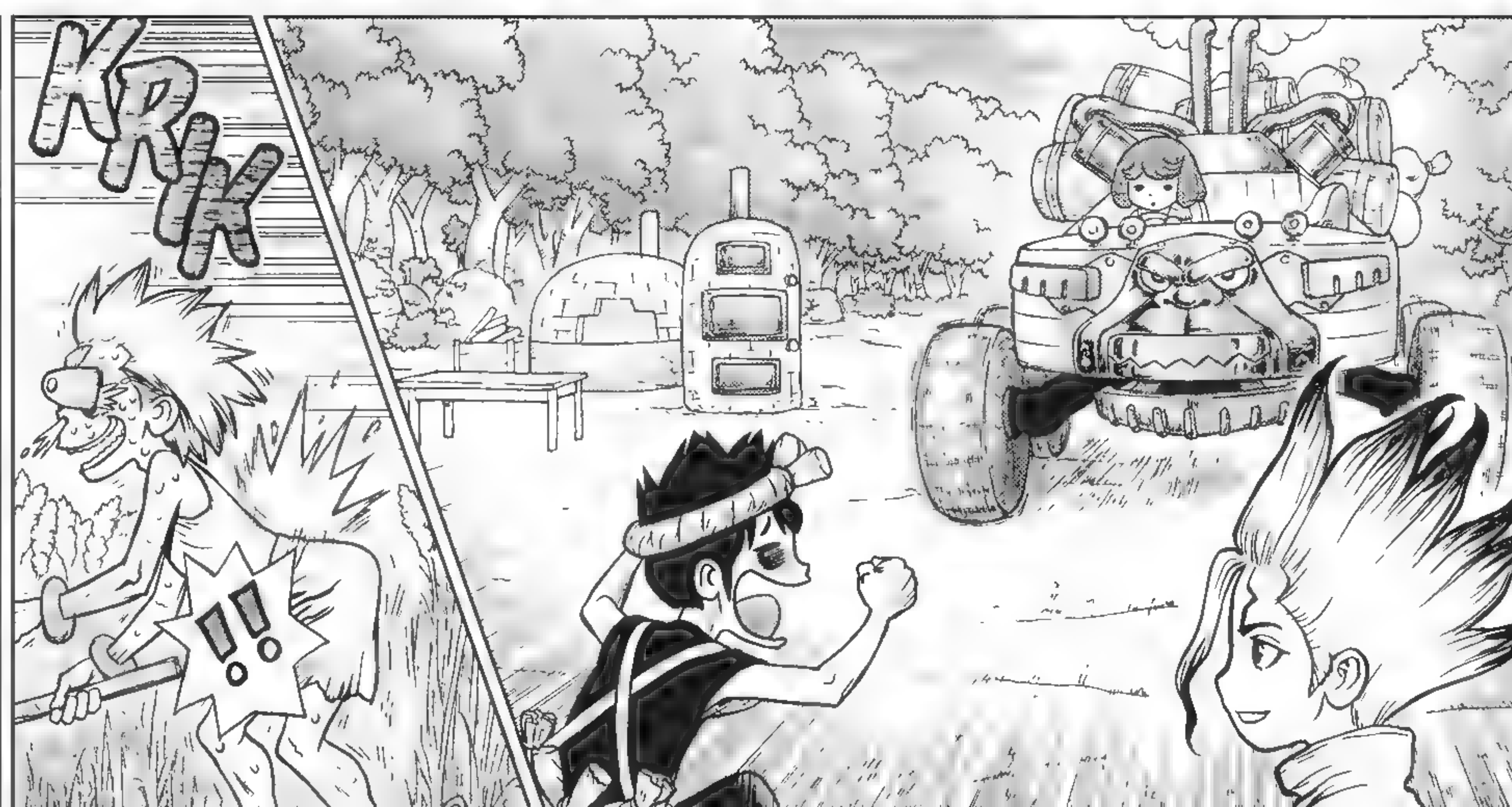
DON'T  
WORRY,  
YO! I CAN  
HANDLE THE  
REST!

M-MY  
BACK...

FARMING  
IS  
ROUGH...

...IT  
REQUIRES  
MUCH MORE  
LABOR AS  
WELL.

I'M STARTING  
TO UNDERSTAND  
WHY WE  
COULDN'T DO IT  
UNTIL WE HAD  
MORE PEOPLE.



KR  
K

!!



THE  
SEASON OF  
HARVEST!!





...FOR  
THE GRAND  
OPENING OF  
FRANCOIS...

...OUR  
THREE-STAR  
RESTAURANT  
!!

HA HA! WE,  
THE NEW  
WAVE OF  
HUMANITY...

...FINALLY  
HAVE OUR  
STAPLE CROP  
IN HAND, SO  
IT'S TIME...



YOU'RE ALL  
BASICALLY  
WORKING  
YOURSELVES  
TO DEATH AT  
THIS POINT!

HEH  
HEH HEH...  
SORRY.

UNDERSTOOD. I  
WILL BEGIN WORK  
ON A DISH OR  
TWO IMMEDIATELY,  
SO ALLOW ME TO  
OBSERVE THESE  
AERIAL SNAP-  
SHOTS.

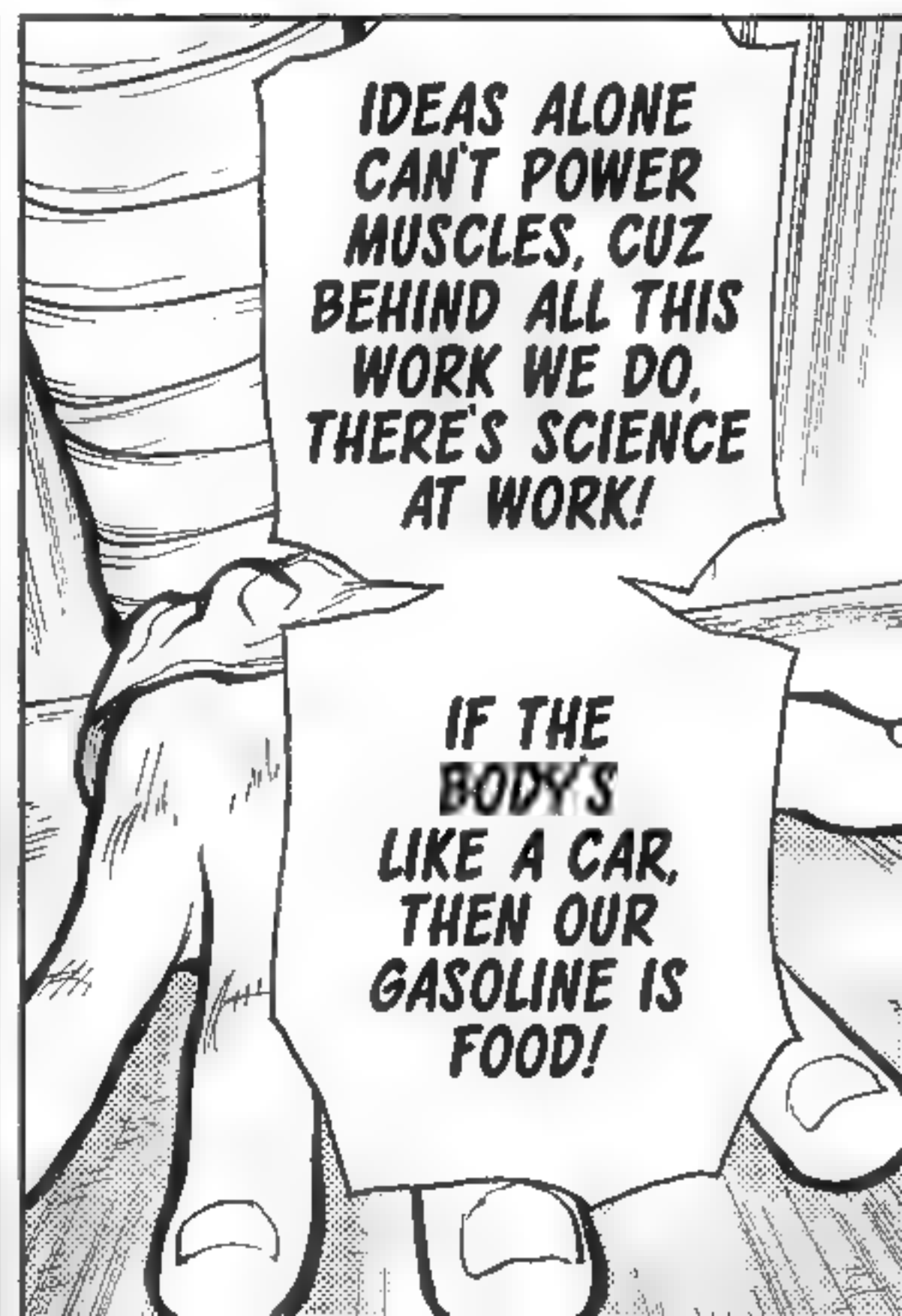
FWP

?!  
!!!



DON'T FORGET  
"RIDICULOUSLY  
TASTY" AND  
"HAUTE  
CUISINE"!!

IDEALLY,  
WE WANT  
SOMETHING  
EASY TO  
PRESERVE  
AND FULL OF  
PROTEIN.



IDEAS ALONE  
CAN'T POWER  
MUSCLES, CUZ  
BEHIND ALL THIS  
WORK WE DO,  
THERE'S SCIENCE  
AT WORK!

IF THE  
BODY'S  
LIKE A CAR,  
THEN OUR  
GASOLINE IS  
FOOD!



I WILL  
PREPARE...

HAUTE CUISINE  
THAT IS HIGH  
IN PROTEIN  
AND EASY TO  
PRESERVE?  
UNDERSTOOD.

...BLACK  
TRUFFLE  
PORK  
RILLETTES.

T-TRUFFLE?

EXCEPT  
THAT'S  
OTALLY-TAY  
IMPOSSIBLE.

DON'T  
WE LACK  
EVERY ONE  
OF THOSE  
INGREDI-  
ENTS?

YESSS...  
TRUFFLES  
AND CAVIAR  
AND FOIE  
GRAS...

HMPH!

IMPOS-  
SIBLE?

I'VE NEVER  
ONCE HEARD  
FRANCOIS  
UTTER THAT  
WORD.

SEE FOR  
YOURSELVES!

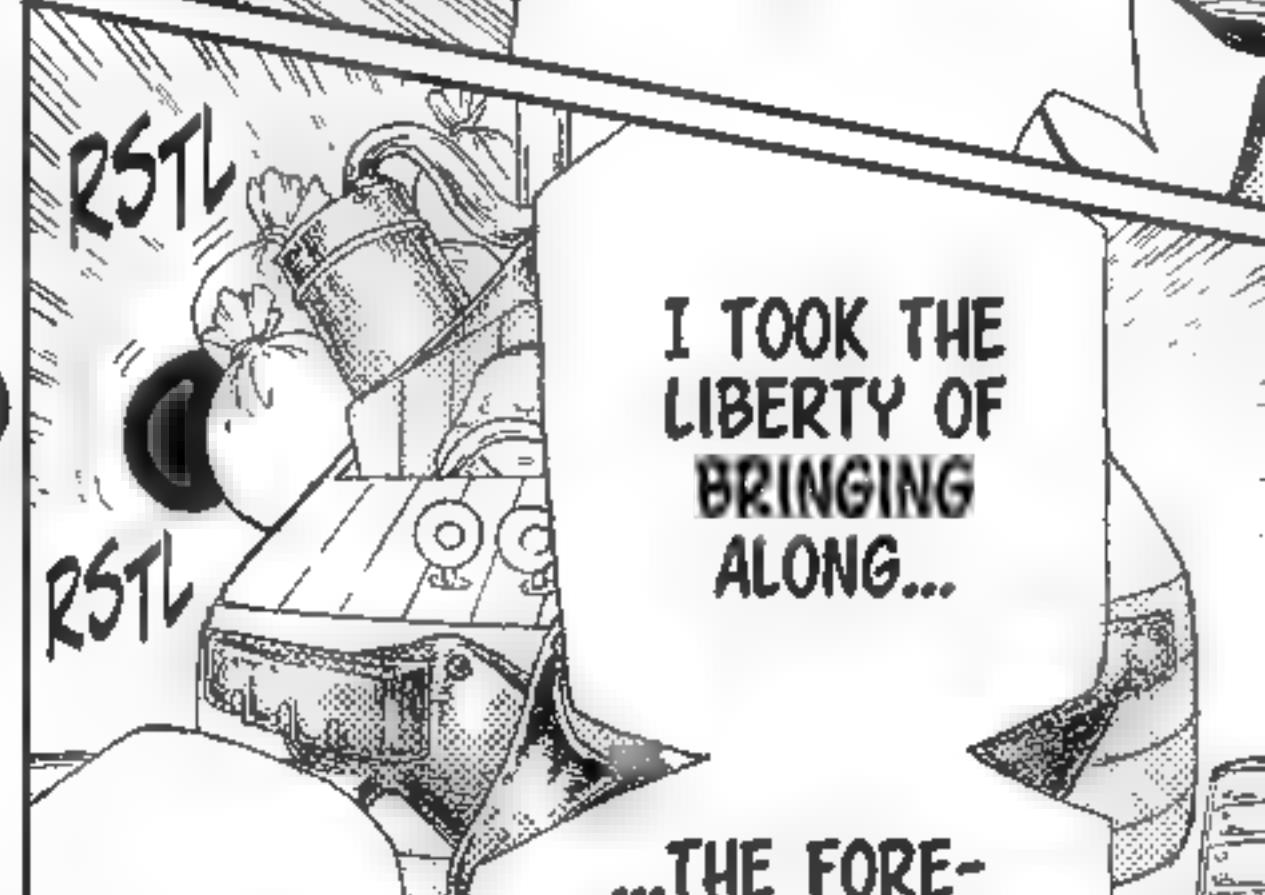




SO GOOD  
TO SEE  
EVERY-  
ONE!!



I  
ANTICIPATED  
THIS VERY  
DEVELOPMENT,  
SO...



RSTL

RSTL

I TOOK THE  
LIBERTY OF  
BRINGING  
ALONG...

THE FORE-  
MOST  
EXPERT?

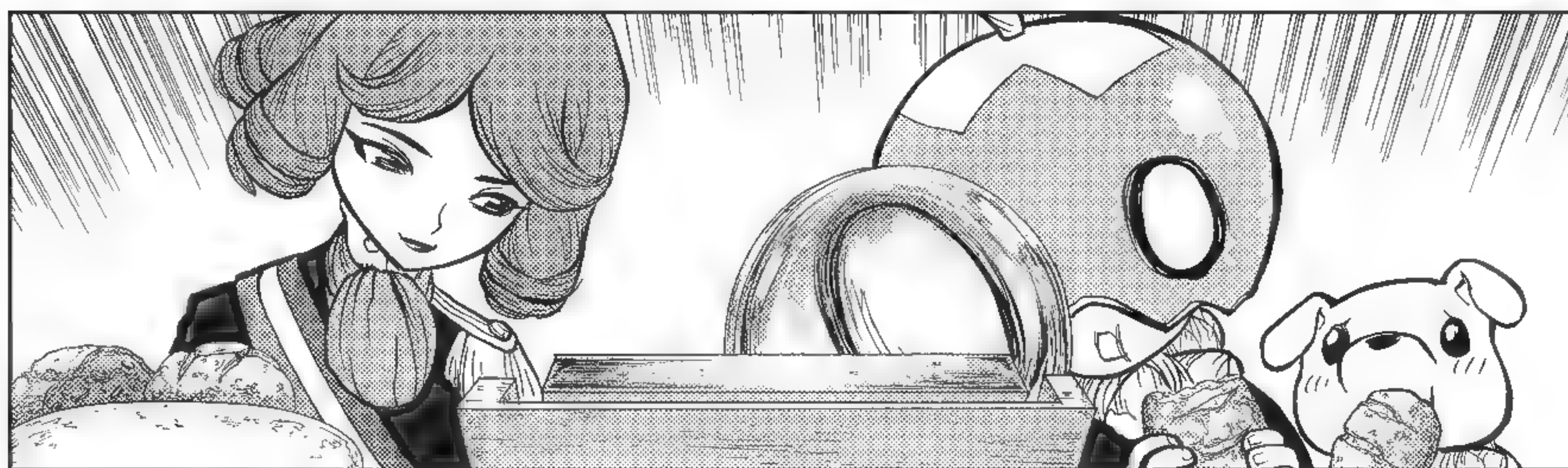
...THE FORE-  
MOST EXPERT  
ON THE FORESTS  
AND ANIMALS  
SURROUNDING  
ISHIGAMI  
VILLAGE.



DIDN'T  
I TELL  
YOU?

FRANCOIS  
SERIOUSLY  
THINKS OF  
EVERY-  
THING...

SUIKA!!

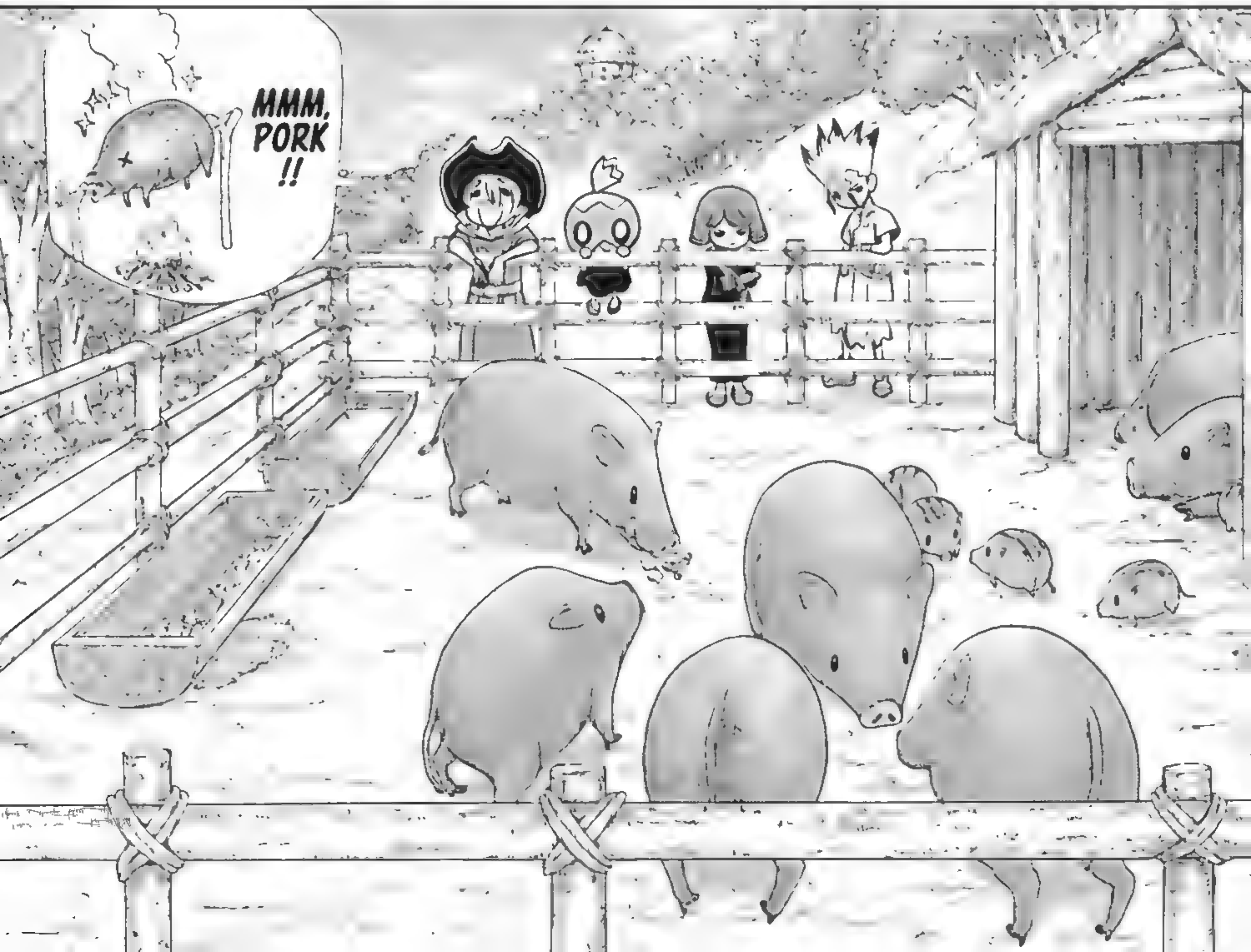
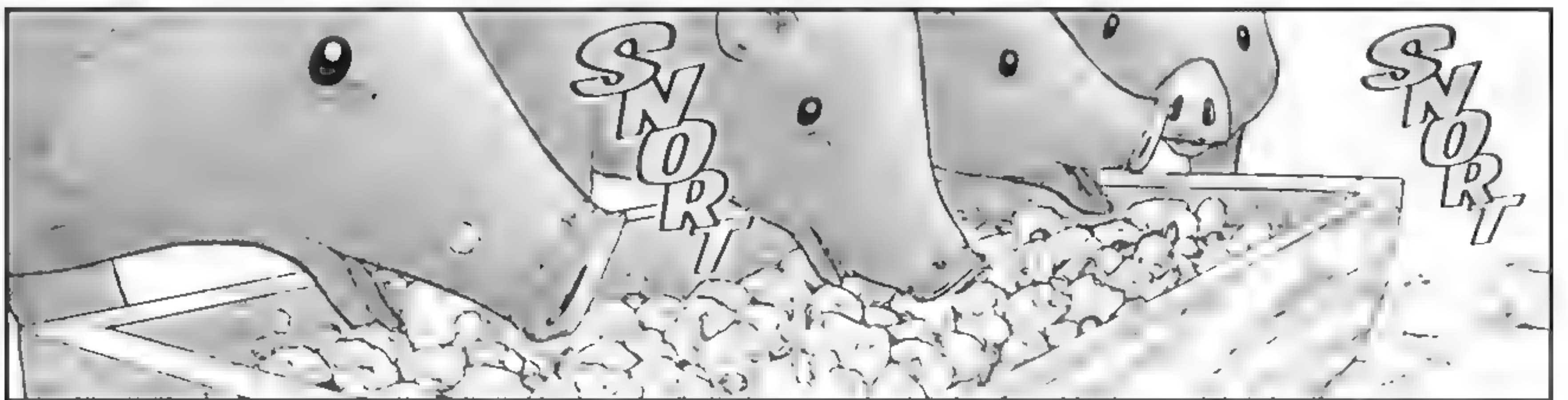


IT MIGHT'VE  
BEEN WILD  
BOARS!!

IT'S A LITTLE  
HARD TO TELL  
CUZ THIS IS SO  
FUZZY, BUT...

...IT LOOKS LIKE  
SOMETHING'S  
BEEN RUBBING  
AGAINST THESE  
BRANCHES.









SO WE'RE  
LOOKING  
FOR...

...BLACK  
FUNGUS!

FLASH



EVEN  
IN JAPAN,  
WE OUGHT TO  
FIND TRUFFLES  
GROWING IN THE  
WOODS AROUND  
HERE.

ERIOUSLY-  
SAY?!



...BUT WHAT  
ABOUT THE  
TRUFFLES?

WELL,  
THE MEAT  
PART'S  
TAKEN  
CARE OF...

That  
exceedingly  
rare  
fungus that  
some call...  
...black  
gold...



AT  
20/1.8...

...KOHAKU'S  
ASTOUNDING  
VISION...

...WAS INDEED  
ROOTED IN  
PHYSICAL  
ABILITY.



SO  
PERHAPS,  
WITH MY  
EYESIGHT...

HAH! SUIKA  
WAS ABLE TO  
LOCATE THE  
FAMILY OF  
BOARS WITH  
THESE PHOTOS.

Was this  
one taken  
around  
here, too?

SUPER SIGHT OR  
NOT, SPOTTING  
FUNGUS FROM  
THE AIR IS TOO  
MUCH TO ASK...

NOT REALLY  
A MATTER OF  
VISION NOW...



**THE  
POWER OF  
OBSERVATION!**

**HOWEVER,  
THE TRUE  
NATURE OF  
HER SKILLS...**

**...WAS HONED  
BY YEARS OF  
ROUGHING  
THE WILD.**

**...YOUR  
BLACK  
GOLD!!**

**I  
THINK I  
FOUND...**

**IT'S JUST A  
TINY DOT, BUT  
GIVEN THE  
SCALE OF THIS  
IMAGE...**

**...IT'S ABOUT  
THE SIZE OF  
A PUDDLE.**

**HM... THAT  
DOES LOOK  
WEIRD...**

**THEN  
WHAT'S  
THIS BLACK  
SPOT,  
HERE?!**

**HUH?**

**THERE'S NO  
WAY YOU COULD  
SPOT SOME  
FUNGUS FROM A  
BLURRY PHOTO.**

**...WELLING  
UP FROM  
THE  
EARTH.**

**BLACK  
GOLD...**

**NO...**

**...WAY...**





BLUB

BLUB

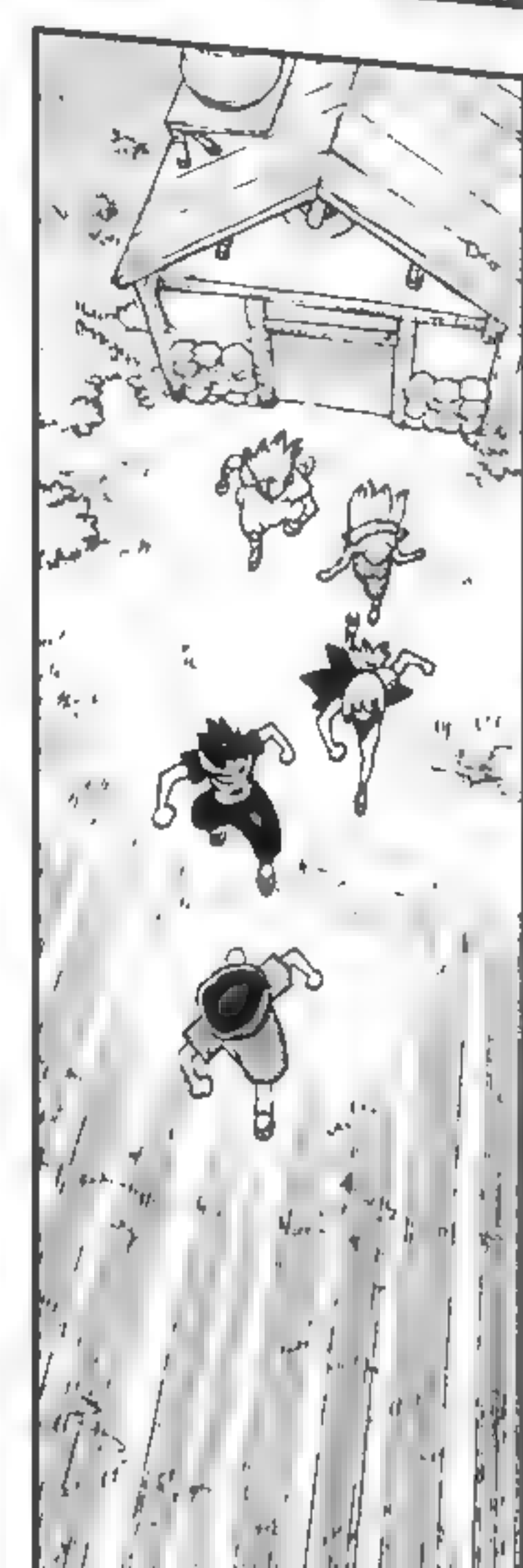
THAT'S  
THE  
SAGARA  
OIL  
FIELD!!

...TO  
COMB THE  
LAND!!

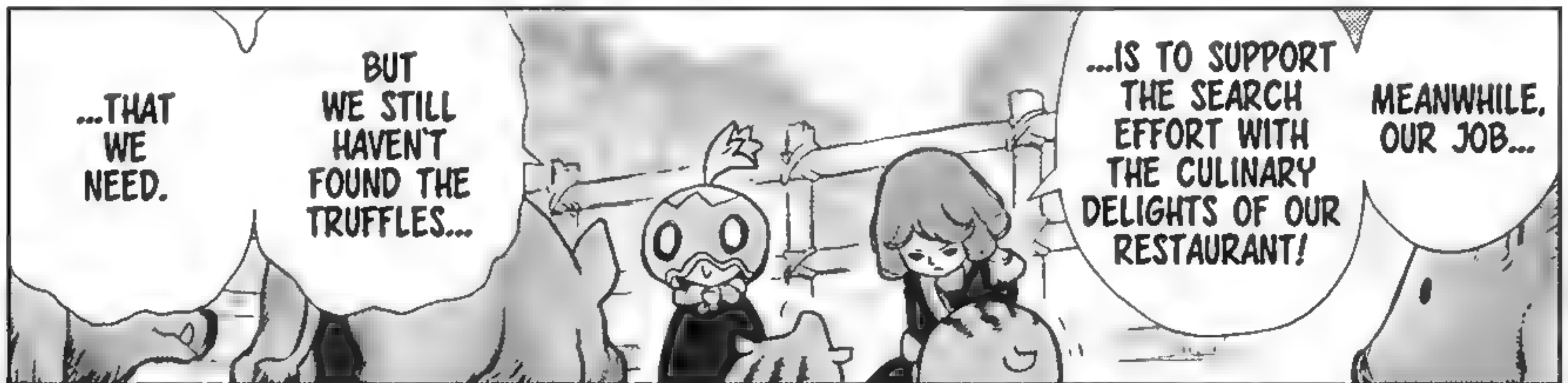
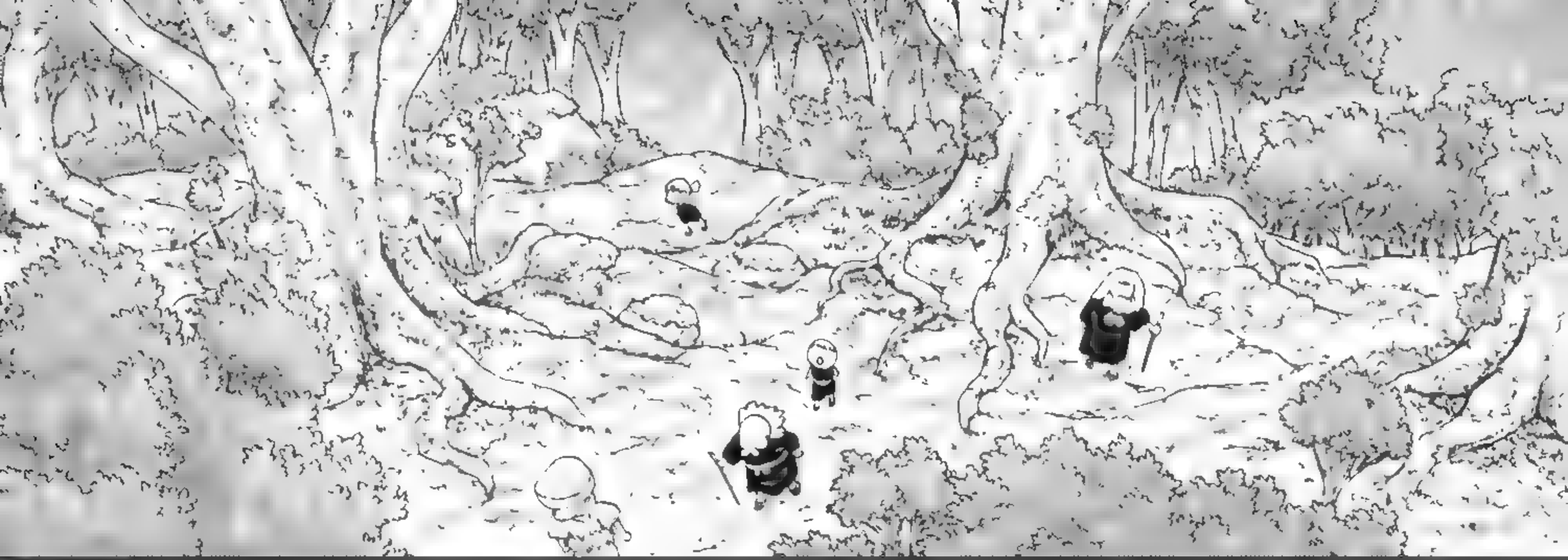
WE'LL  
JUST USE  
GOOD OL'  
FASHIONED  
ELBOW  
GREASE...

HA HA!  
THAT'S NOT  
AN ISSUE!

THE PHOTO  
WAS TOO  
FUZZY  
TO GLEAN  
AN EXACT  
LOCATION,  
BUT STILL!







...THAT  
WE  
NEED.

BUT  
WE STILL  
HAVEN'T  
FOUND THE  
TRUFFLES...

...IS TO SUPPORT  
THE SEARCH  
EFFORT WITH  
THE CULINARY  
DELIGHTS OF OUR  
RESTAURANT!

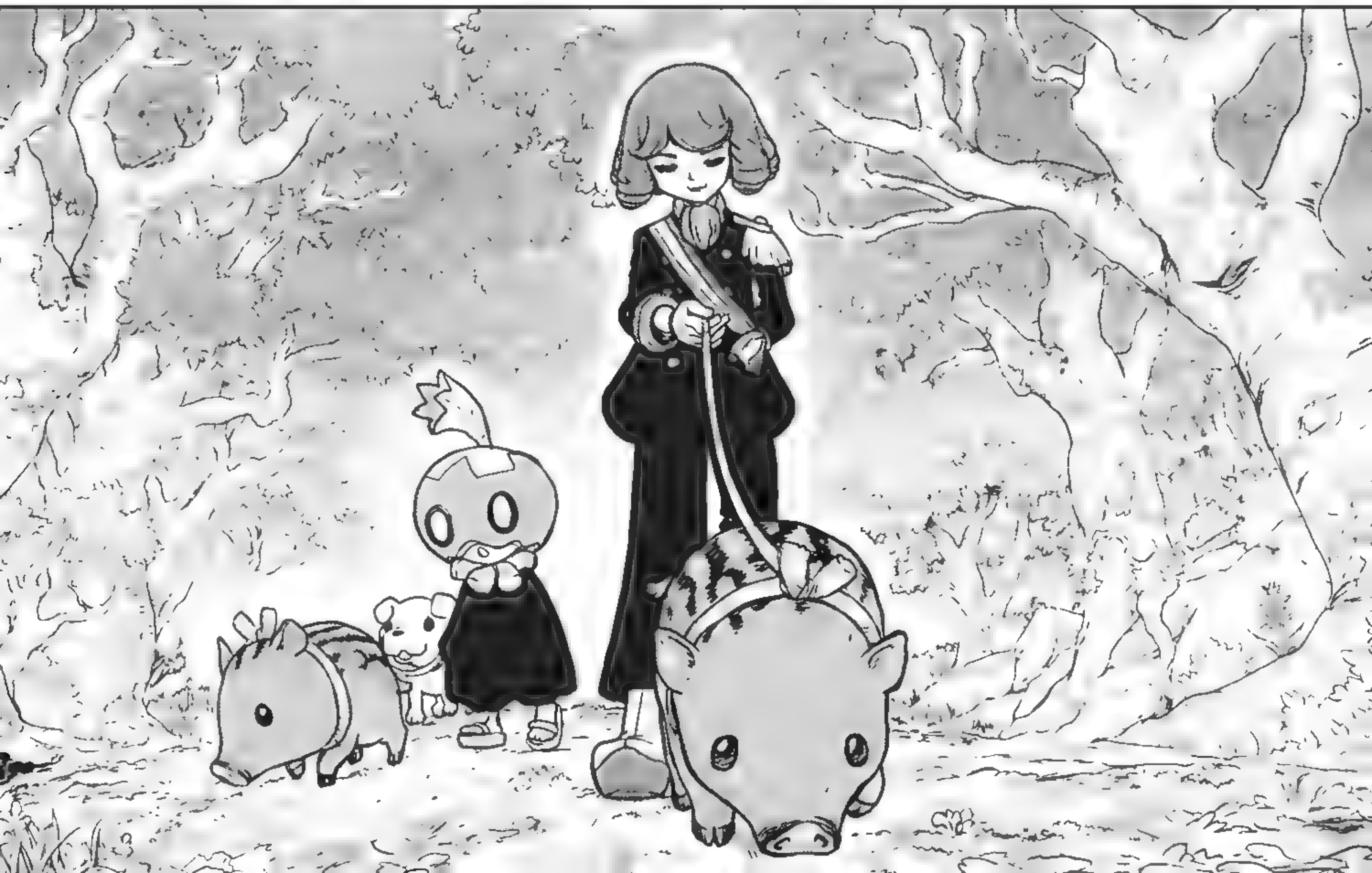
MEANWHILE,  
OUR JOB...



...IS ONE  
THAT OUR  
PORCINE  
FRIENDS  
KNOW WELL.

THE SCENT  
OF OUR  
BLACK  
GOLD...

WORRY  
NOT,  
MASTER  
SUIKA.





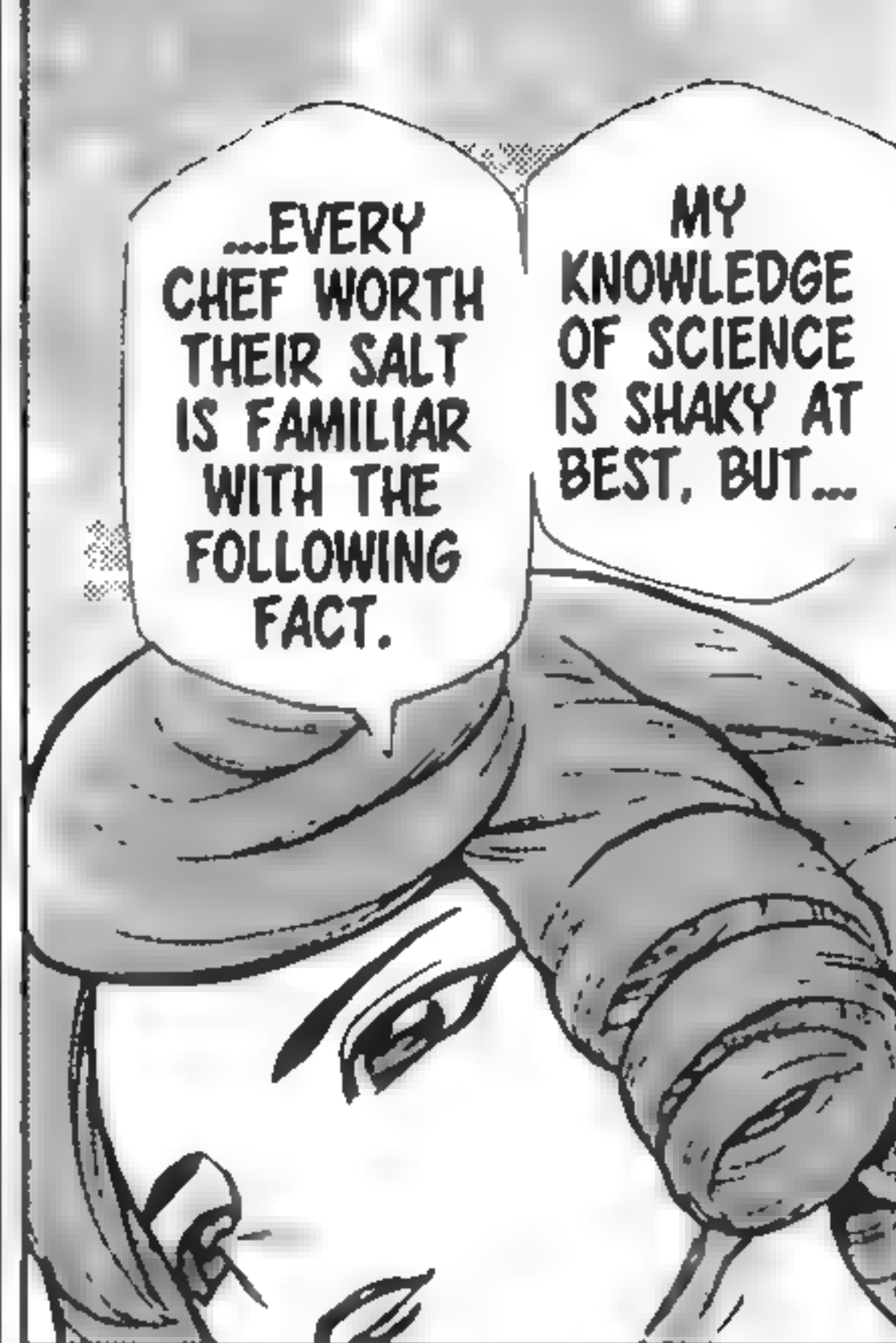
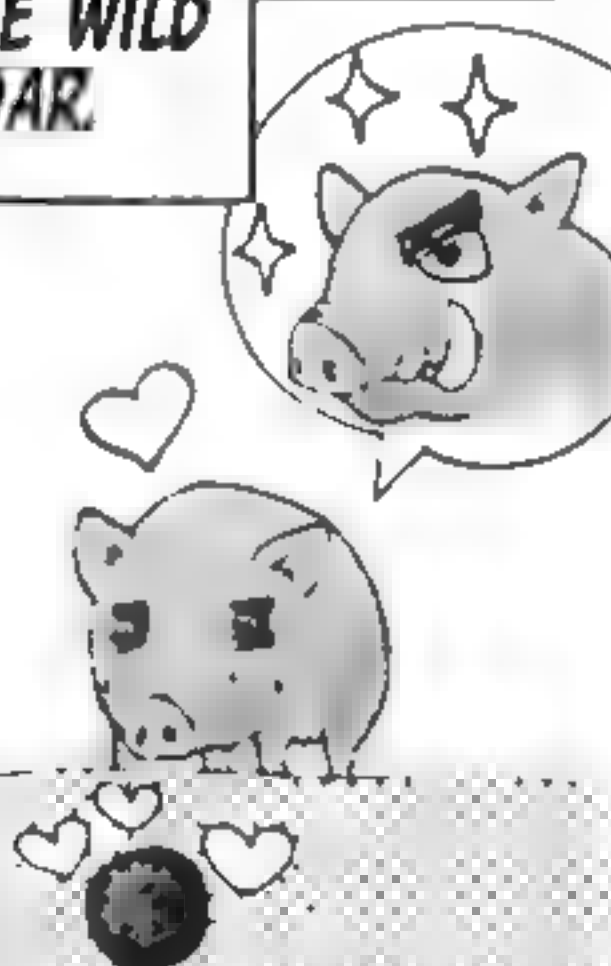


...THE BOAR  
IS ABLE TO  
LOCATE AND  
DIG UP  
TRUFFLES  
GROWING  
UNDER-  
GROUND!!

THIS  
EXPLAINS  
HOW...

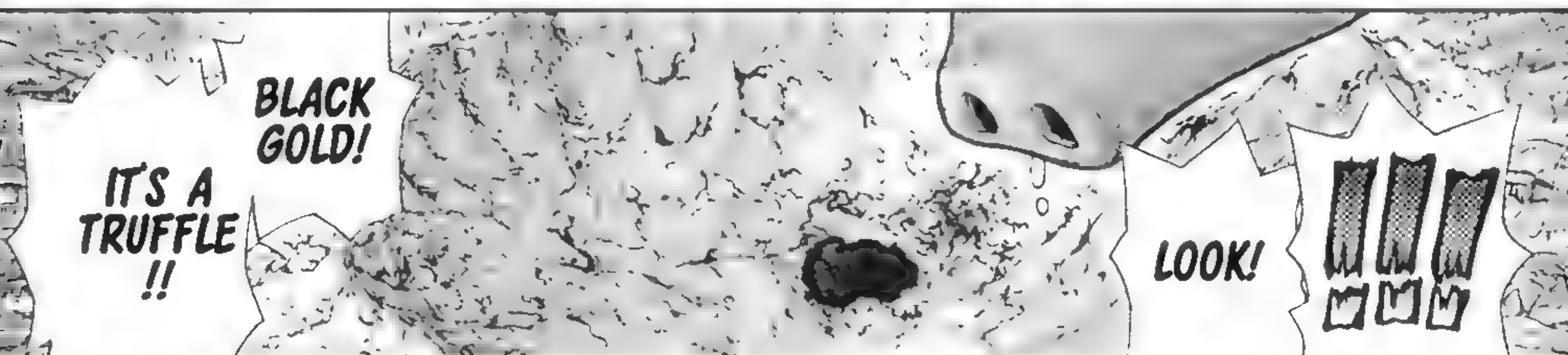
...IS  
SIMILAR  
TO THE SEX  
PHEROMONES  
OF THE WILD  
BOAR.

THE  
TRUFFLE'S  
SCENT...



...EVERY  
CHEF WORTH  
THEIR SALT  
IS FAMILIAR  
WITH THE  
FOLLOWING  
FACT.

MY  
KNOWLEDGE  
OF SCIENCE  
IS SHAKY AT  
BEST, BUT...



BLACK  
GOLD!  
IT'S A  
TRUFFLE  
!!

LOOK!



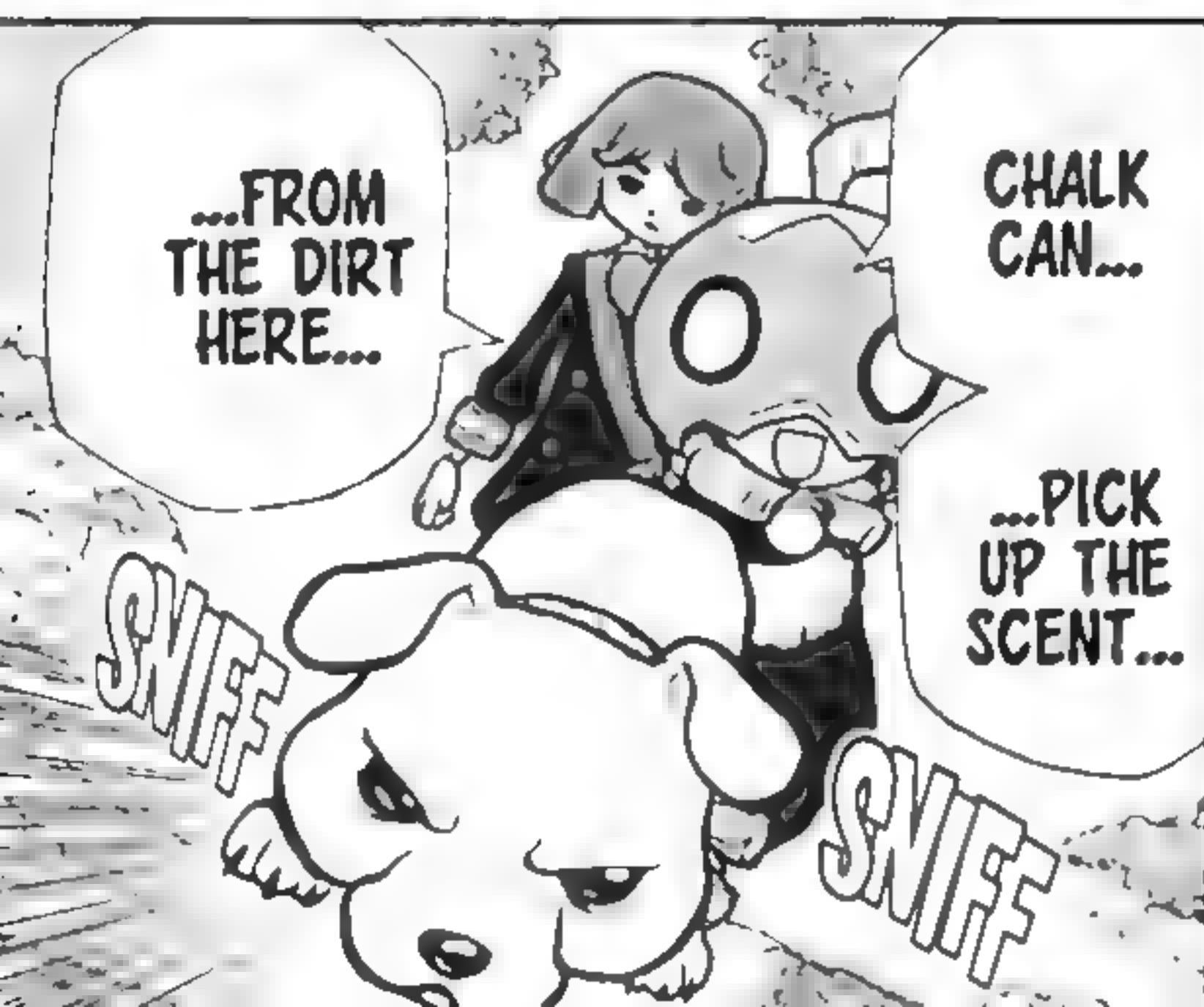
...PEOPLE  
STOPPED  
USING PIGS  
AND BOARS  
TO HUNT FOR  
TRUFFLES.

WHY, YES,  
OF COURSE.  
THIS IS  
EXACTLY  
WHY...



WHAT'D  
I FIND,  
HERE?

TIME  
TO PIG  
OUT!



...FROM  
THE DIRT  
HERE...

CHALK  
CAN...

...PICK  
UP THE  
SCENT...

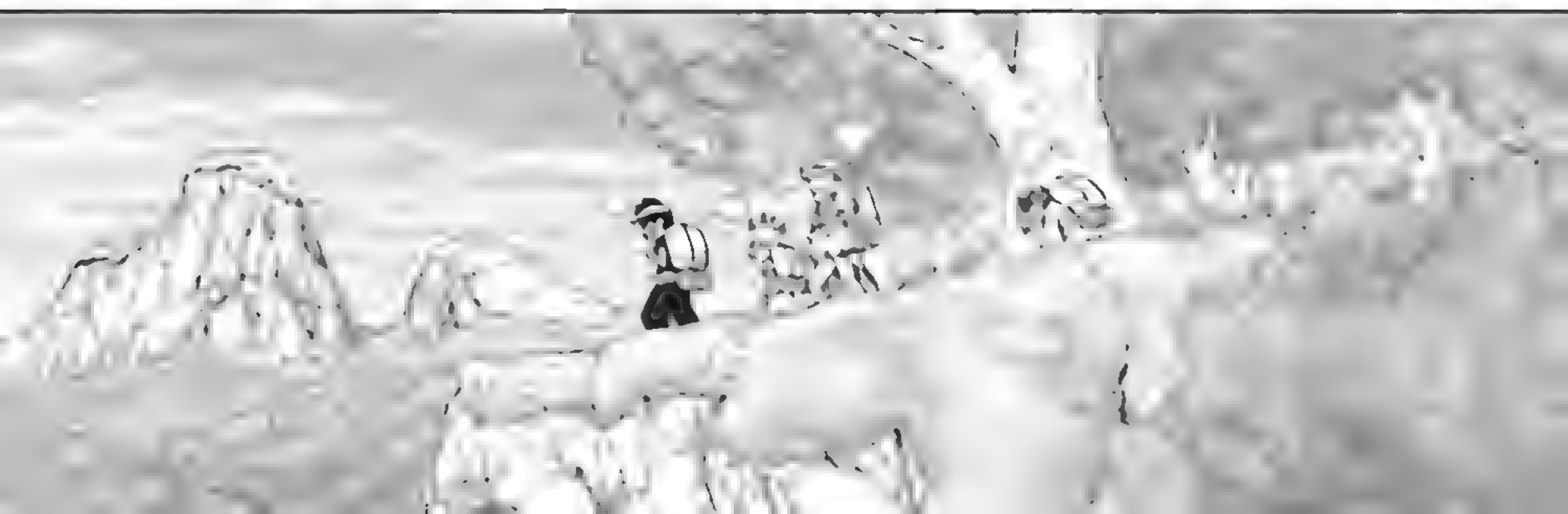
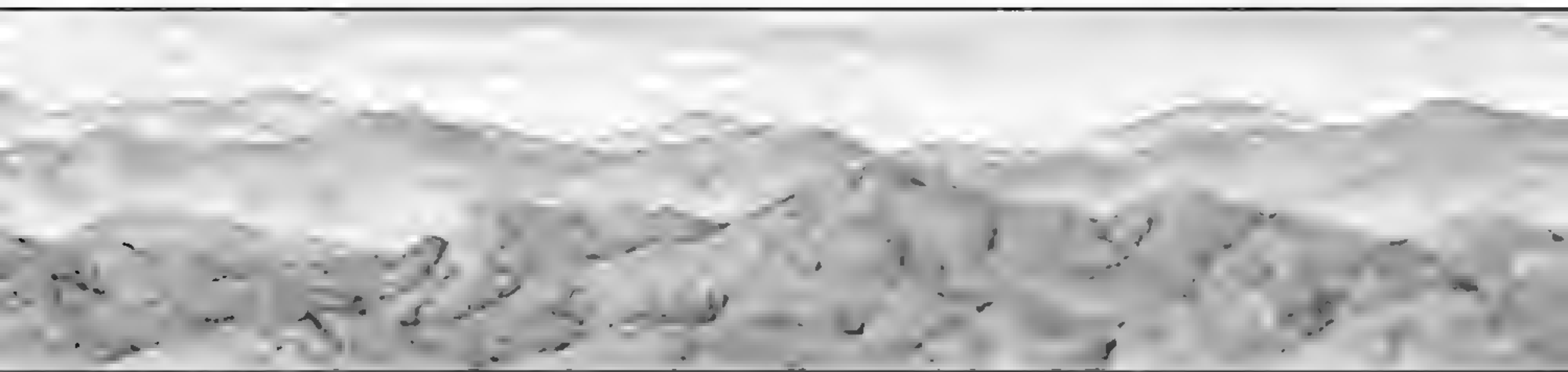
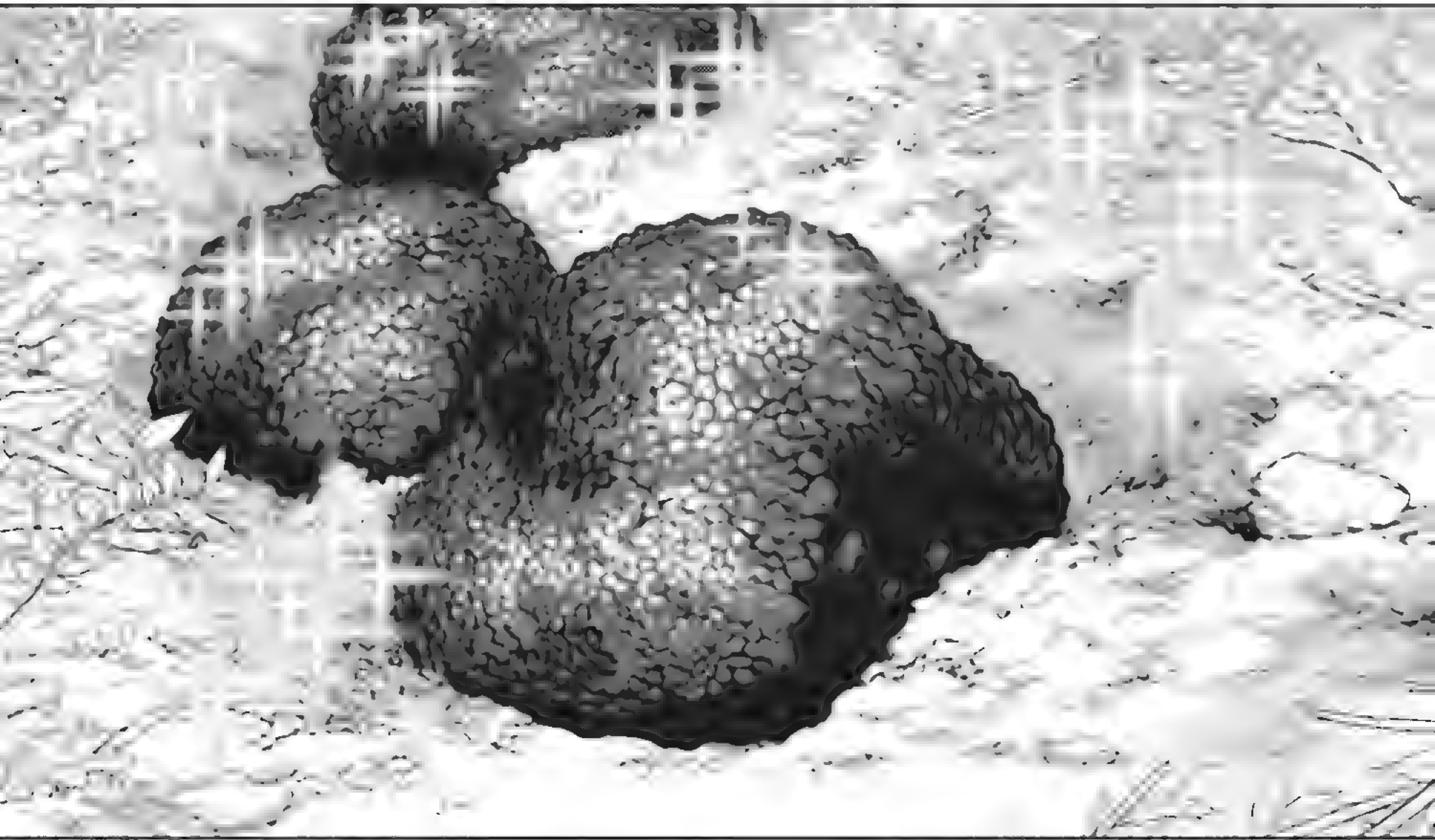


WOOF

THAT'S OKAY,  
FRANCOIS!

THE GREAT  
DETECTIVE  
COMBO OF SUIKA  
AND CHALK  
CAN HANDLE IT  
FROM HERE!!









IF WE CAN'T LOCATE IT BY THEN...

ONCE SNOW COVERS THE LAND, THE BLACK PUDDLE WILL VANISH.

FOR EAL-RAY...

THIS IS EXHAUSTING...

NOTHING...

...ALL OF OUR HARD WORK UP UNTIL NOW WILL HAVE BEEN FOR NOTHING!

WITHOUT MANY HINTS TO GO ON, EITHER.

WELL, SURE. WE'RE BASICALLY SEARCHING AN ENTIRE FOREST FOR A SINGLE PUDDLE.

IF ONLY THIS PHOTO WAS A LITTLE CLEARER.



SOME HINT, STARING US IN THE FACE.

HEH HEH HEH... MY BRAIN'S KINDA ALL OVER THE PLACE...

FLOATING AROUND MY HIPPO-CAMPUS...

...SO I MUST'VE MISSED SOMETHING!

$E=mc^2$



THE SCENT OF OUR BLACK GOLD...

SUIKA WAS ABLE TO LOCATE THE FAMILY OF BOARS WITH THESE PHOTOS.

WAS THIS ONE TAKEN AROUND HERE TOO?

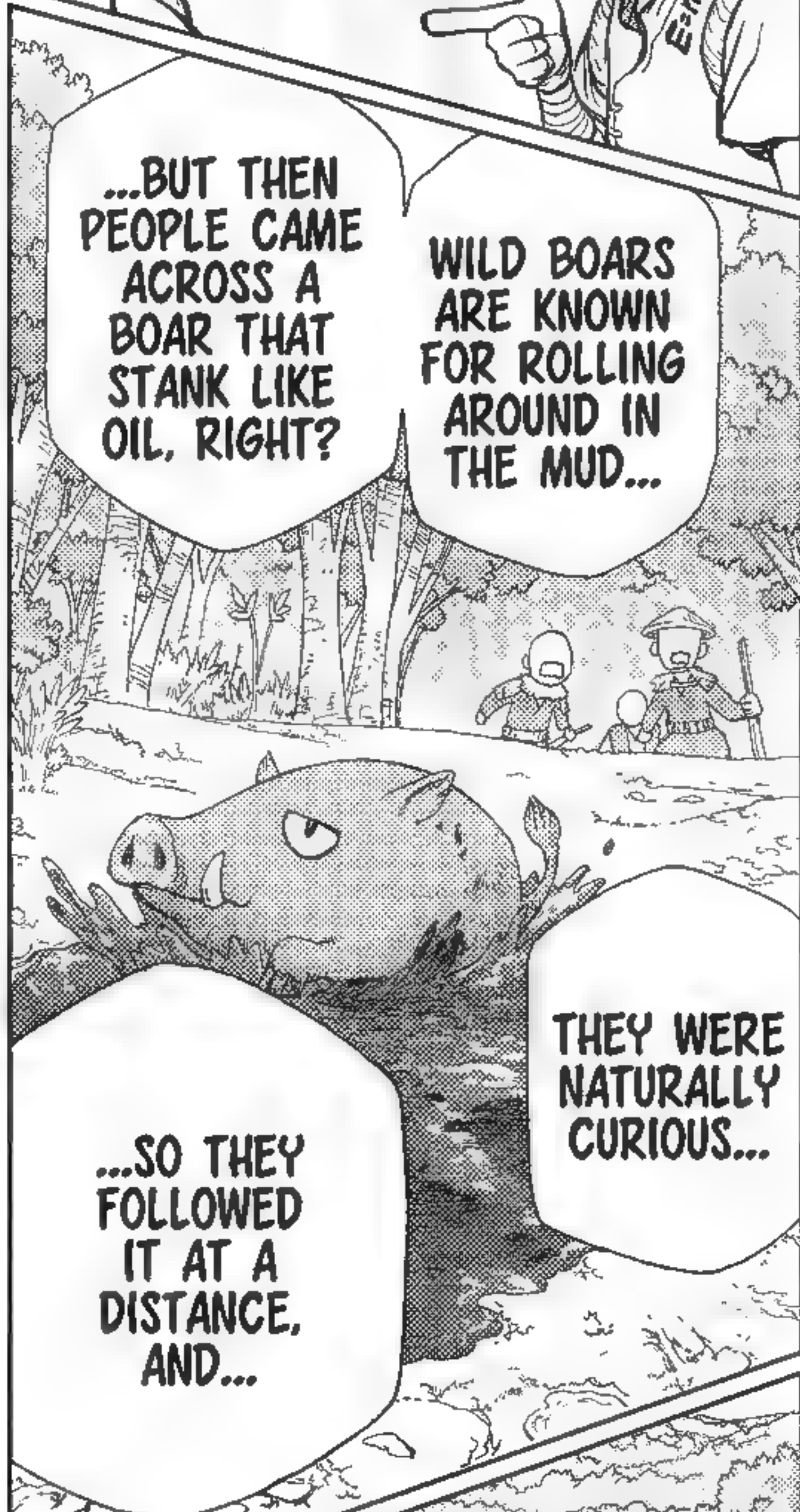
...IS ONE THAT OUR PORCINE FRIENDS KNOW ALL TOO WELL.





UM, WHO  
ON EARTH  
WOULD  
POSSIBLY  
KNOW  
THAT?

QUICK! IN  
1872, HOW WAS  
OIL INITIALLY  
DISCOVERED IN  
SAGARA?

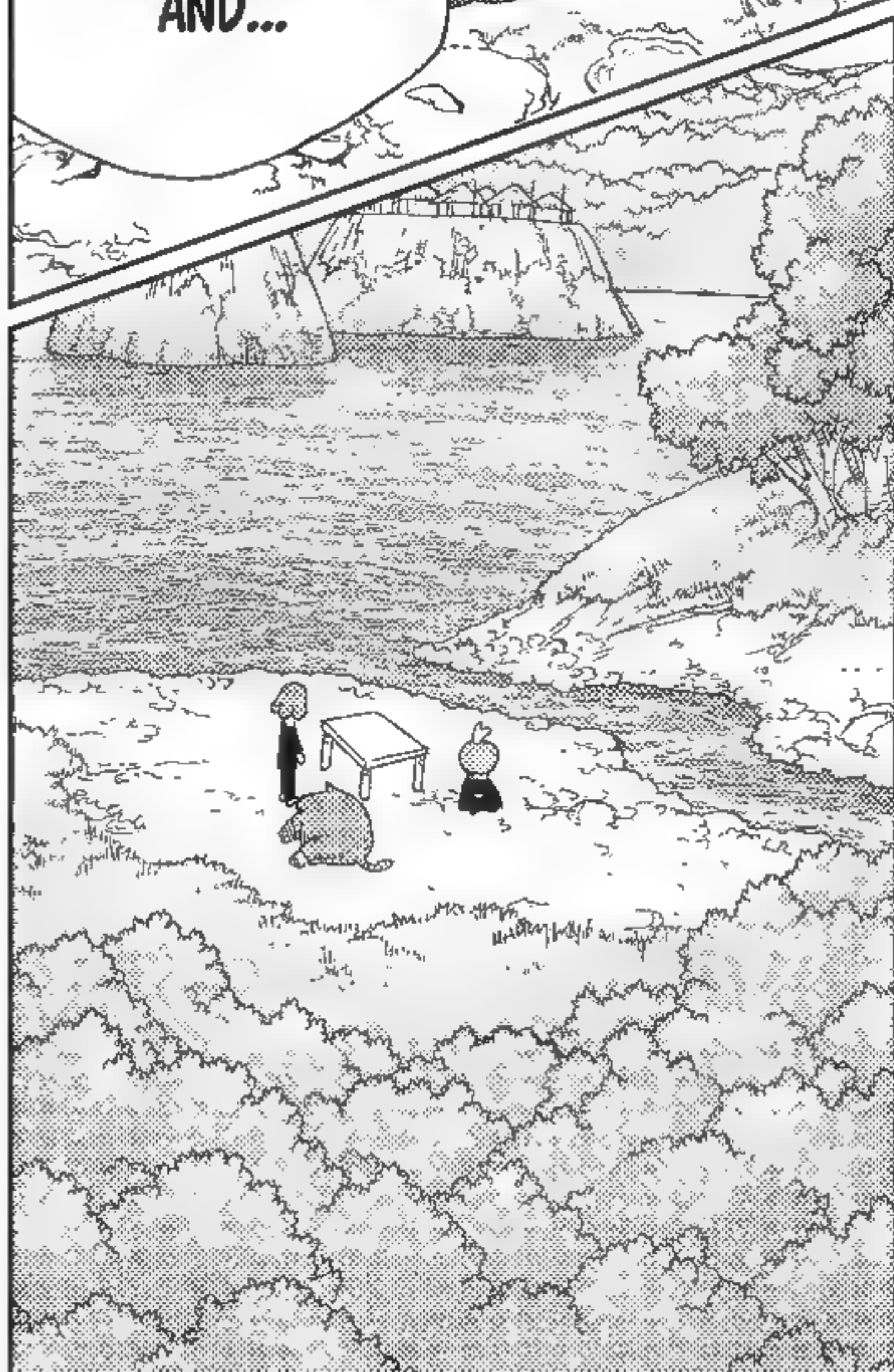


...BUT THEN  
PEOPLE CAME  
ACROSS A  
BOAR THAT  
STANK LIKE  
OIL, RIGHT?

WILD BOARS  
ARE KNOWN  
FOR ROLLING  
AROUND IN  
THE MUD...

THEY WERE  
NATURALLY  
CURIOUS...

...SO THEY  
FOLLOWED  
IT AT A  
DISTANCE,  
AND...



OF  
COURSE,  
THE  
BOARS!!



FIRST,  
THE  
BOAR.

LET US  
STEW ITS  
MEAT TO  
MAKE THE  
RILLETES!

...WE CAN  
FINALLY  
MAKE THE  
RESTAURANT'S  
FIRST DISH!!

WITH  
THOSE  
TRUFFLES  
...

HM? WHY  
DOES THIS  
PARTICULAR  
SPECIMEN  
SMELL OF  
OIL?

HOLD  
OFF ON  
THAT  
STEW!!





# Z=95: First Contact







MECHA  
SENKU

# Q & A

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Question Corner

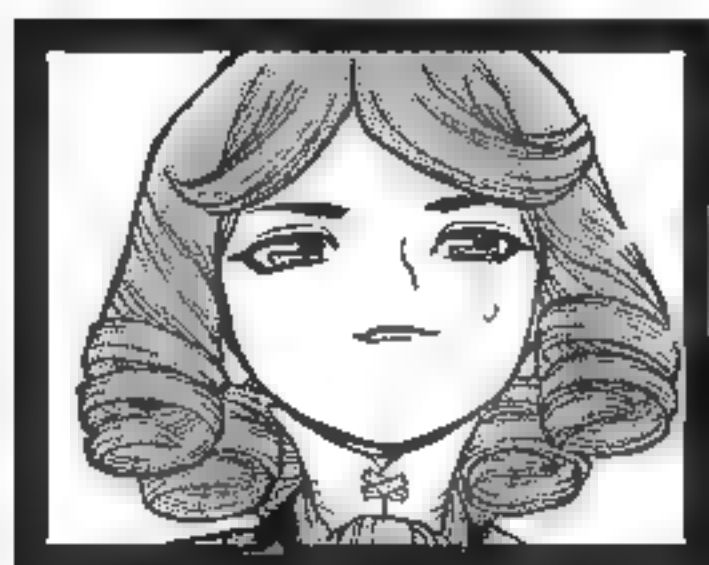
Though Francois never says “I can’t do that,” is the butler really capable of really doing everything?



Butler Lover from Aichi Prefecture

SEARCH

*No one can literally do everything!*



Francois’s skills at-a-glance (a small fraction)

Office  
work

French

Babysitting

Machinery

Cooking

English

Japanese

Security

Horticulture

Hospitality

Medicine

Other  
languages

Housekeeping

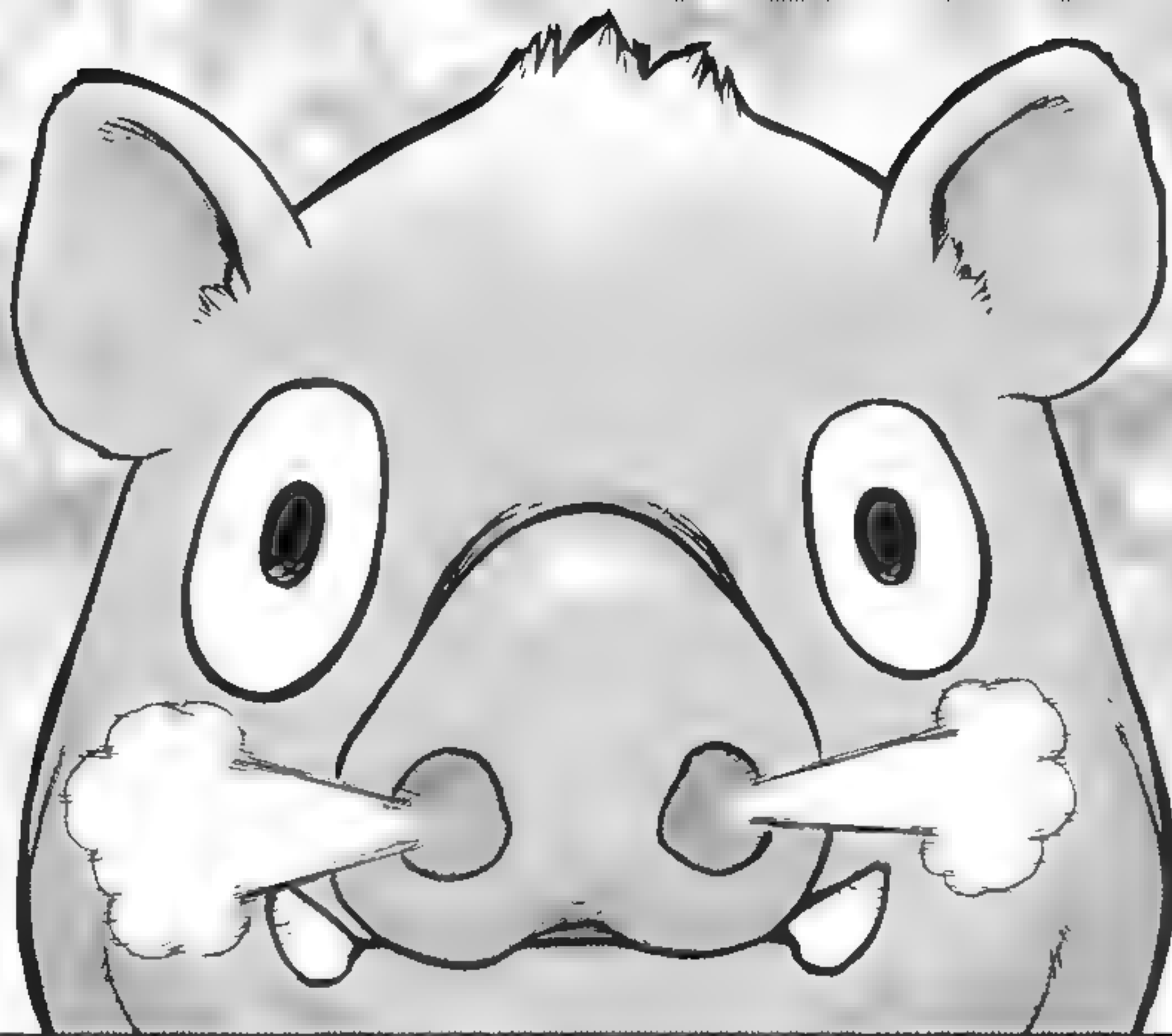
Even when incapable of something, Francois will do everything possible to fulfill a person’s desire!

So yes—you will never hear any refusal from Francois. That unbending dedication is the mark of a true butler!!





**SNORT**



**SNORT**

...HAS THE  
BLACK  
GOLD!

THAT'S  
WHERE  
OUR OIL  
IS!!



HE WANTS  
TO TAKE US  
SOMEWHERE.

THE  
MUDHOLE  
WHERE HE  
LIKES TO  
PLAY...



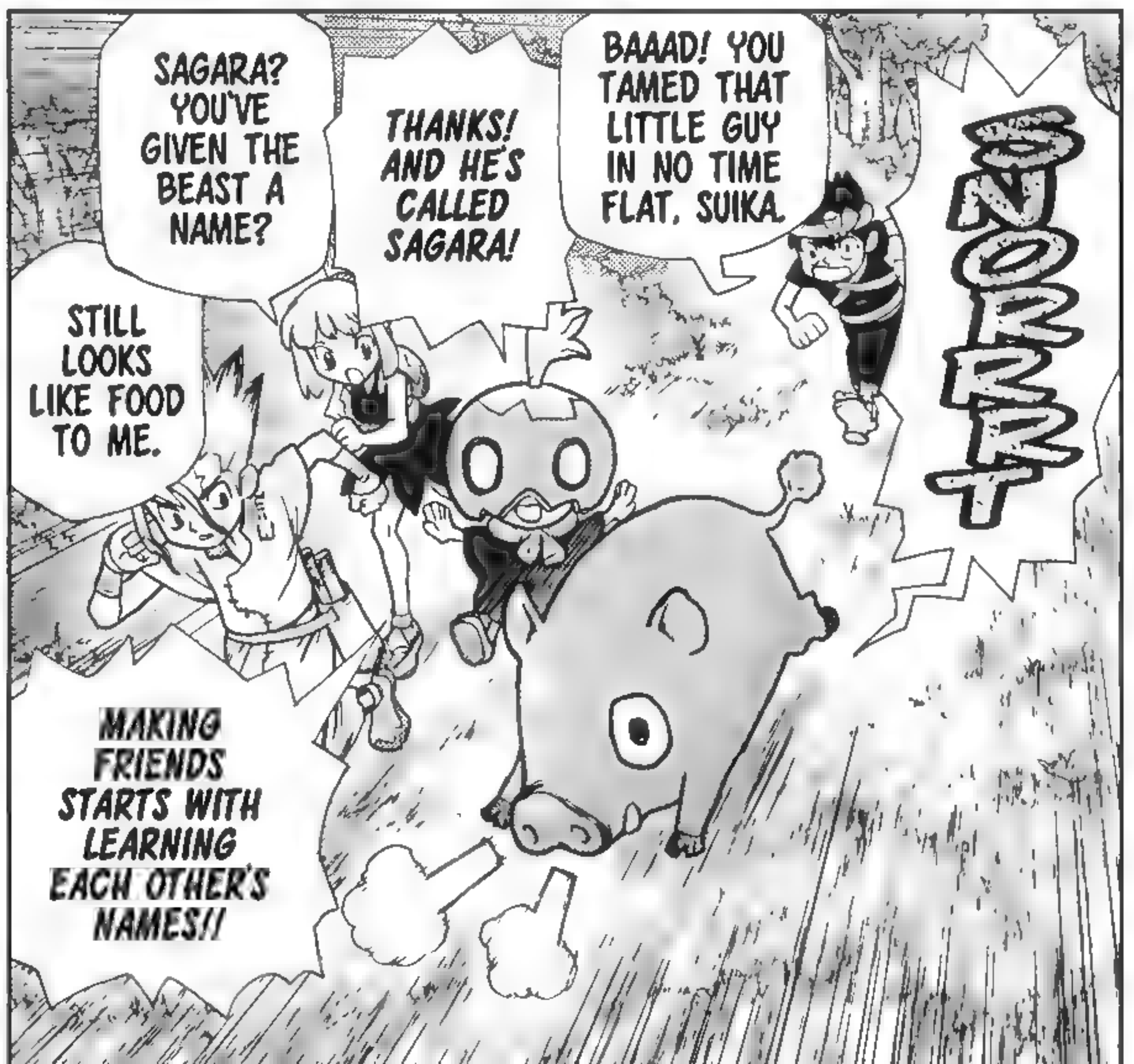
SAGARA?  
YOU'VE  
GIVEN THE  
BEAST A  
NAME?

THANKS!  
AND HE'S  
CALLED  
SAGARA!

BAAAD! YOU  
TAMED THAT  
LITTLE GUY  
IN NO TIME  
FLAT, SUIKA.

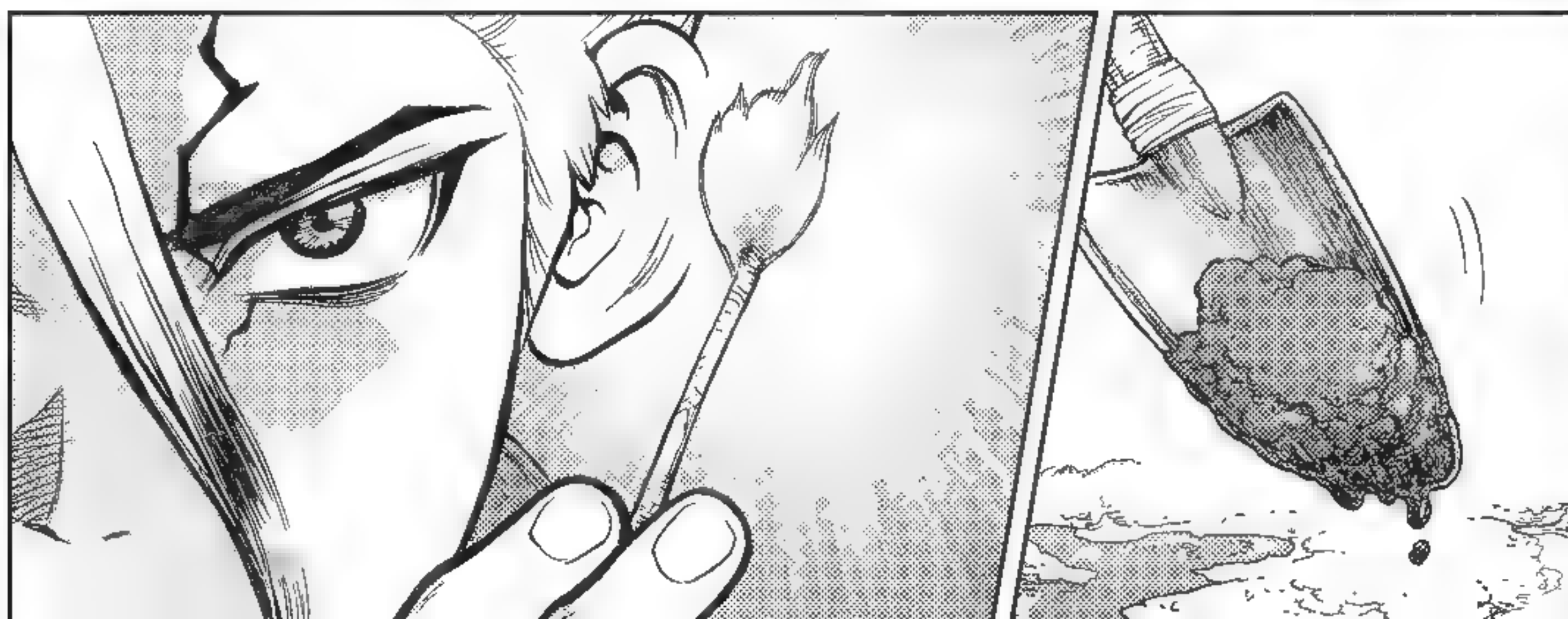
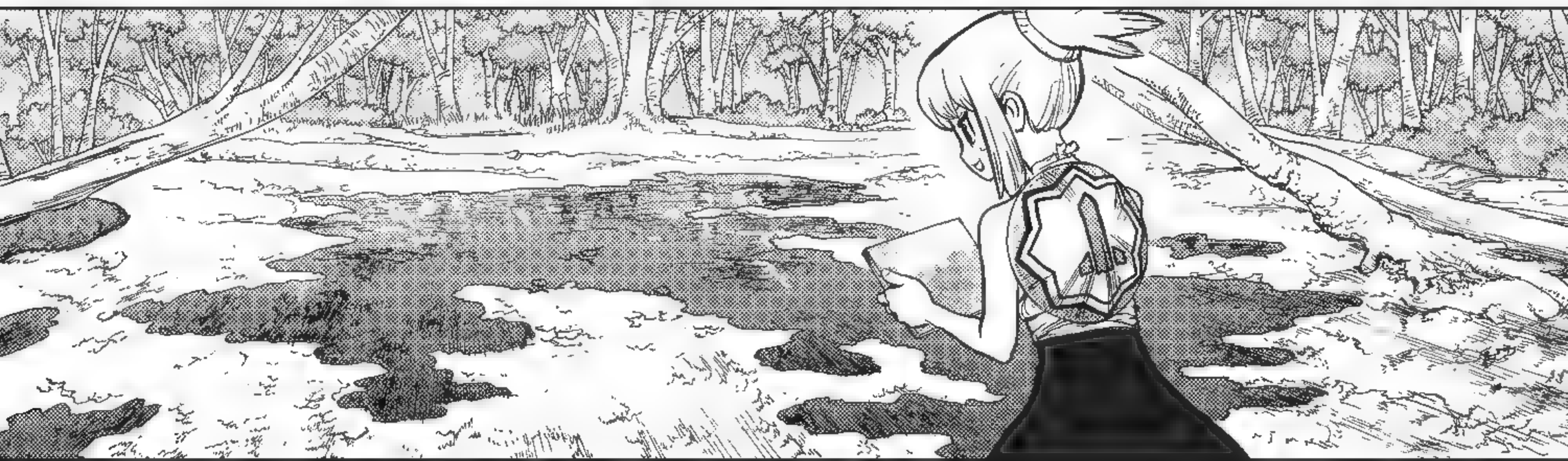
STILL  
LOOKS  
LIKE FOOD  
TO ME.

MAKING  
FRIENDS  
STARTS WITH  
LEARNING  
EACH OTHER'S  
NAMES!!



**BOOM!**





THE  
MYSTERIOUS  
BLACK  
PUDDLE...

THIS  
HAS TO  
BE IT.

...FROM  
THE AERIAL  
PHOTO-  
GRAPH!!





**YUP! IN  
THIS NEW  
WORLD, WE'VE  
FINALLY  
ACQUIRED...**

**WE'VE  
GOT  
FUEL TO  
BURN!**

**...THE  
KING OF  
RESOURCES!**



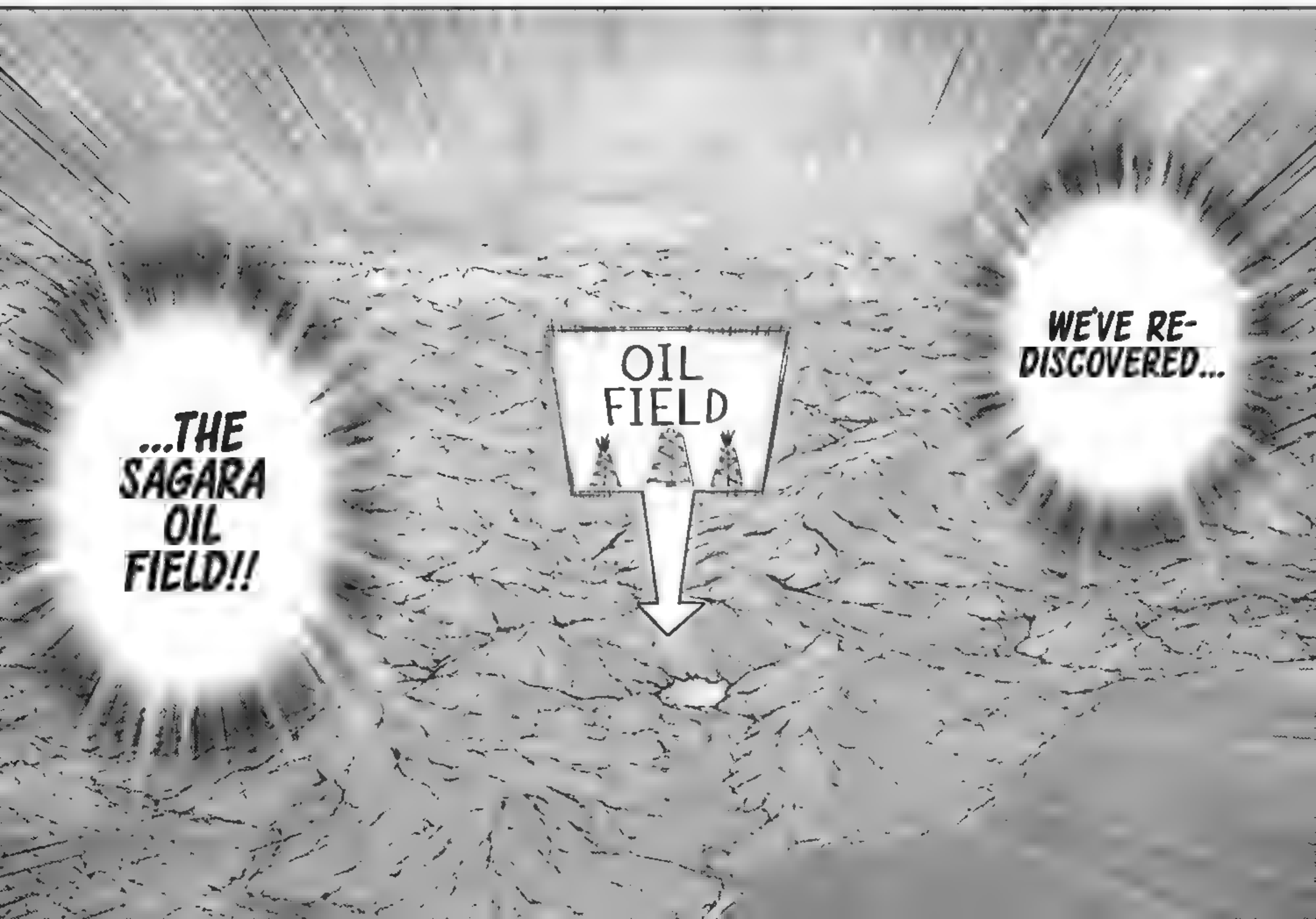
**...BRING  
OUR SHIP  
TO LIFE?!**

**WILL  
THIS...**

**THIS  
MUDDY,  
BLACK  
WATER...**

**...CUZ IT  
BURNS!!**

**...ISN'T  
WATER AT  
ALL...**

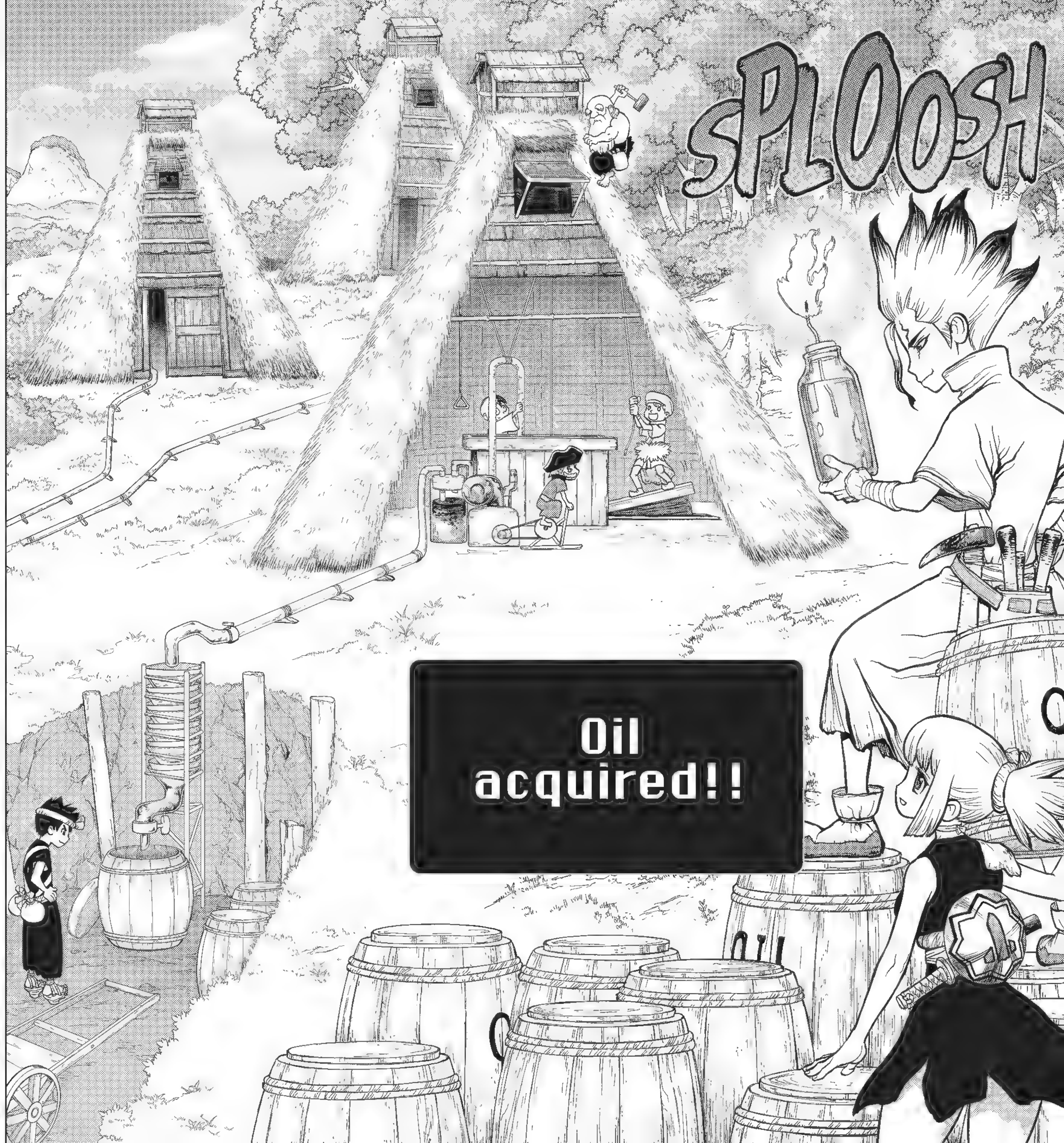


**...THE  
SAGARA  
OIL  
FIELD!!**

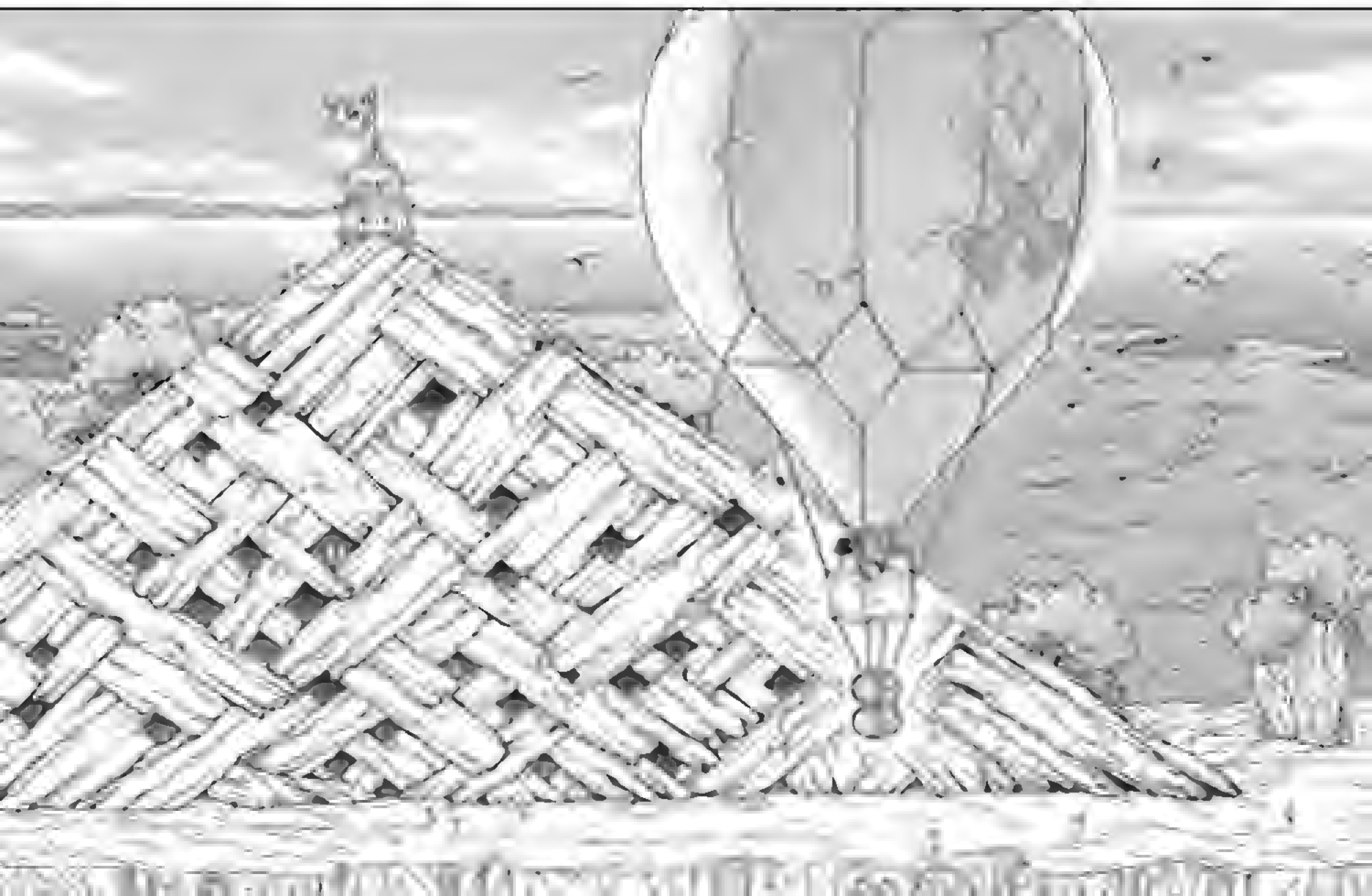
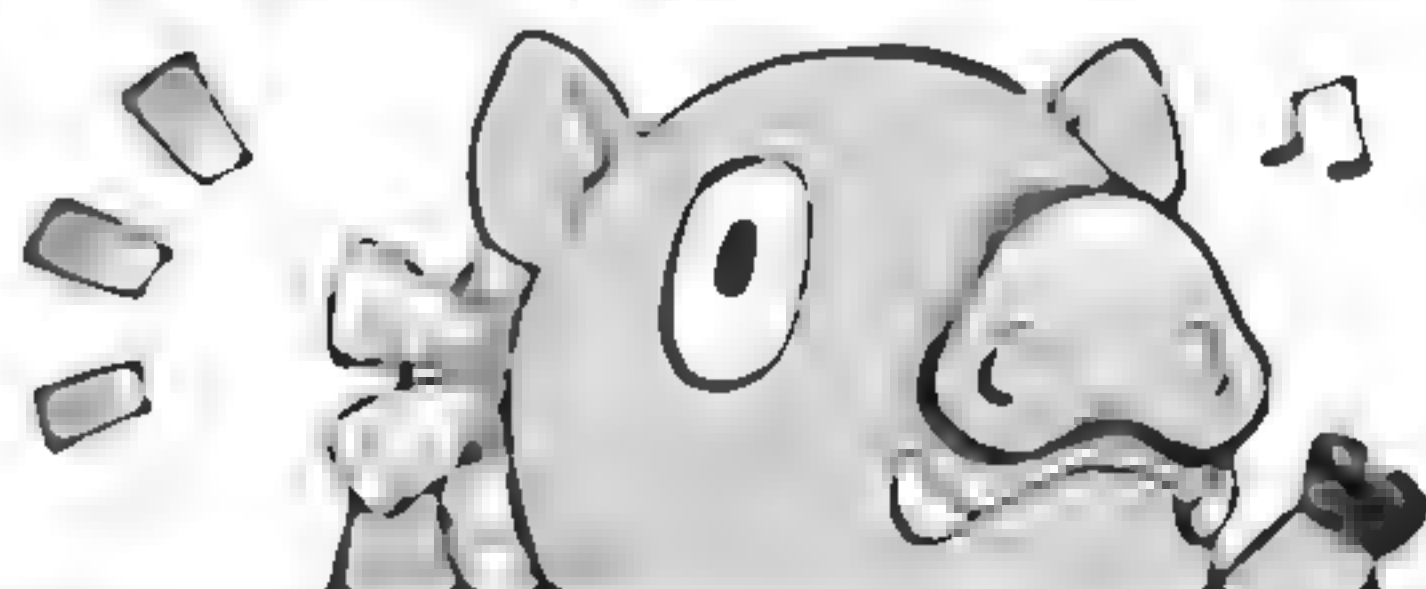
**OIL  
FIELD**

**WE'VE RE-  
DISCOVERED...**











AH... SORRY,  
 YOU WERE ASKING  
 ABOUT THE ENGINE,  
 NOT THE BOAT,  
 RIGHT?

GOOD EYE—THIS  
BEAUT'S A STIRLING ENGINE.  
REMEMBER THE STIRLING  
CRYOCOOLER WE USED TO  
PUT TSUKASA ON ICE? IT  
CONVERTED PISTON MOVEMENT  
INTO A HEAT DIFFERENTIAL.  
THIS REVERSES THE  
PROCESS, USING HEAT TO  
OPERATE THE PISTONS...

THANKS  
FOR THE  
EXPLANATION  
NOBODY ASKED  
FOR.

TIME TO  
TEST OUT  
OUR NEW  
OIL.

**YOU BET!  
A MOTOR-  
BOAT!!**

???

YOU'LL  
HAVE TO  
ELABORATE,  
DEAR  
TAIJU.

LOVE...  
POTION...?

FOR  
REAL?

DO I  
POUR  
IT IN  
HERE?

IT  
DEPENDS  
ON THE  
QUALITY  
OF OUR  
SAGARA  
OIL.

IT  
DEPENDS  
ON THE  
QUALITY  
OF OUR  
SAGARA  
OIL.

**DO  
WE HAVE  
ALL WE  
NEED...**

**!**

**DO  
WE HAVE  
ALL WE  
NEED...**

**!**

DIDJA FIND  
A GIRL  
YOU'RE  
SWEET ON,  
SENKU?!

DO I  
SMELL  
A LOVE  
POTION?

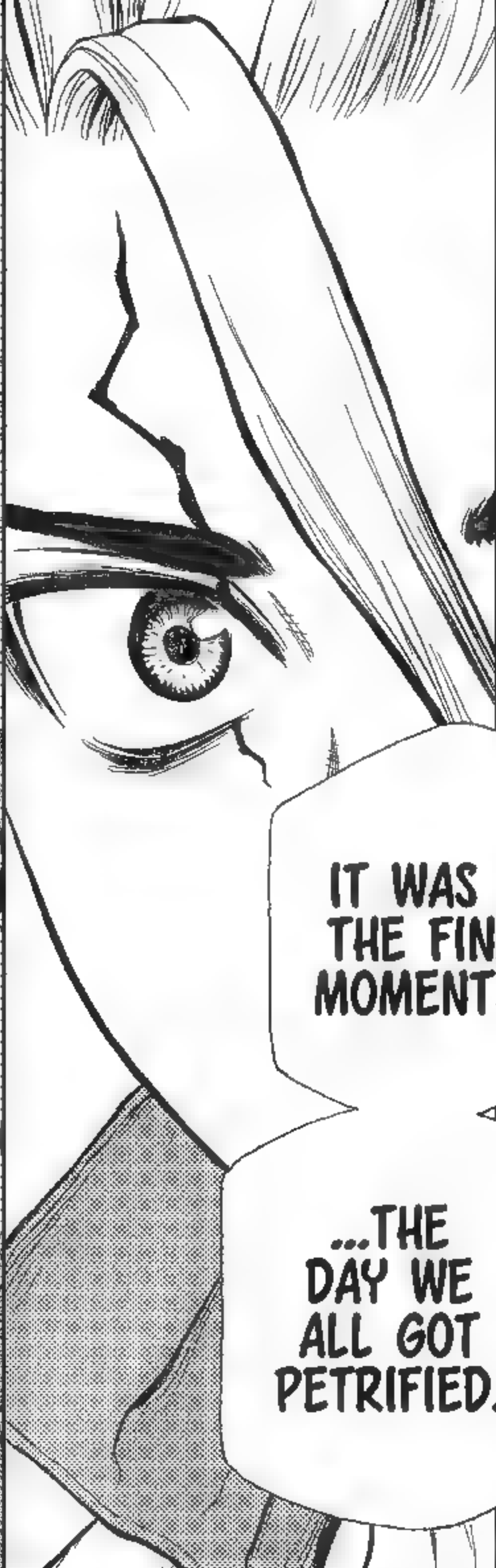
SNIFF  
SNIFF



**...TO  
GO OUT  
TO SEA  
NOW?!**

...TO  
GO OUT  
TO SEA  
NOW?!





REMEMBER  
THAT STUFF  
YOU WHIPPED  
UP IN THE  
SCIENCE LAB  
BACK IN THE  
DAY!

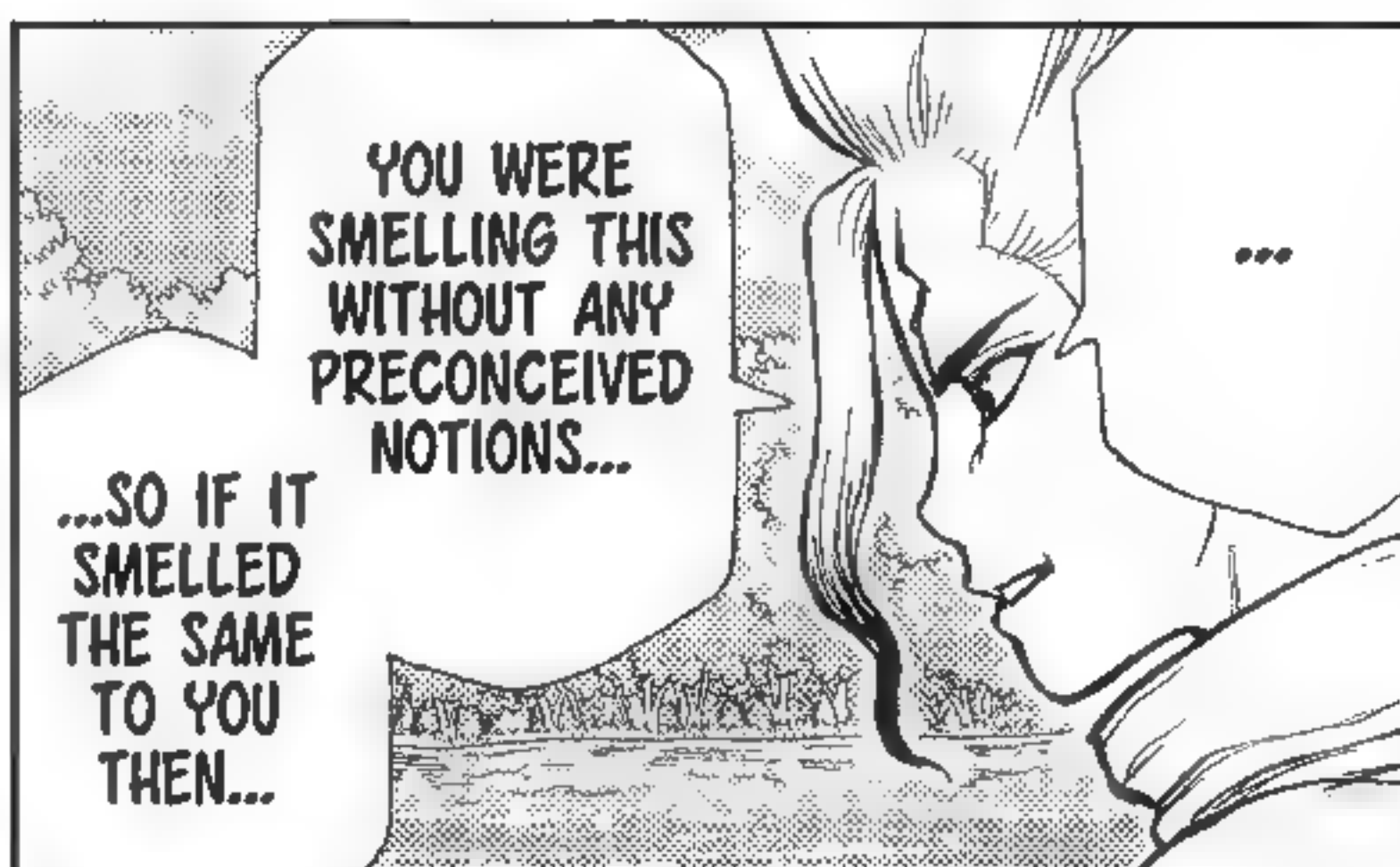
IT WAS TO  
GIVE ME THE  
COURAGE TO  
CONFESS TO  
YUZURINA!

IT WAS IN  
THE FINAL  
MOMENTS...

...THE  
DAY WE  
ALL GOT  
PETRIFIED.



HMPH! YOU  
MEAN TO  
TELL ME...



YOU WERE  
SMELLING THIS  
WITHOUT ANY  
PRECONCEIVED  
NOTIONS...

...SO IF IT  
SMELLED  
THE SAME  
TO YOU  
THEN...



WITH A  
CARBON  
COUNT OF  
FIVE TO  
12...

...THIS  
IS SOME  
GRADE-A  
GASOLINE!!

HEH HEH  
HEH... THAT  
MEANS OUR  
SAGARA OIL...

...IS THE  
SAME AS  
THAT STUFF I  
MADE OUTTA  
PLASTIC  
BOTTLE CAPS!



YOU NEVER  
STOPPED  
BELIEVING  
THAT LIE,  
YOU BIG  
OAF?  
THAT WAS  
GASOLINE.

HA HA  
HA HA!  
THE LOVE  
POTION!!  
I TOTALLY  
DID SAY  
THAT, HUH?

HUH?  
YOU  
MEAN  
IT?





**AND WE'RE  
ABOUT  
TO GO  
BEYOND!!**

**NOW, IN  
OUR NEW  
WORLD...**

**...WE'VE  
FINALLY  
CAUGHT BACK  
UP TO THAT  
POINT.**



**HA HA! THIS  
GASOLINE IS  
OUR TICKET  
OUTTA JAPAN...**

**...ON A  
BOAT OF  
SCIENCE!!**

**...AND  
INTO THE  
UNCHARTED  
NEW WORLD!  
TO THE  
GREAT, BRINY  
BLUE...**

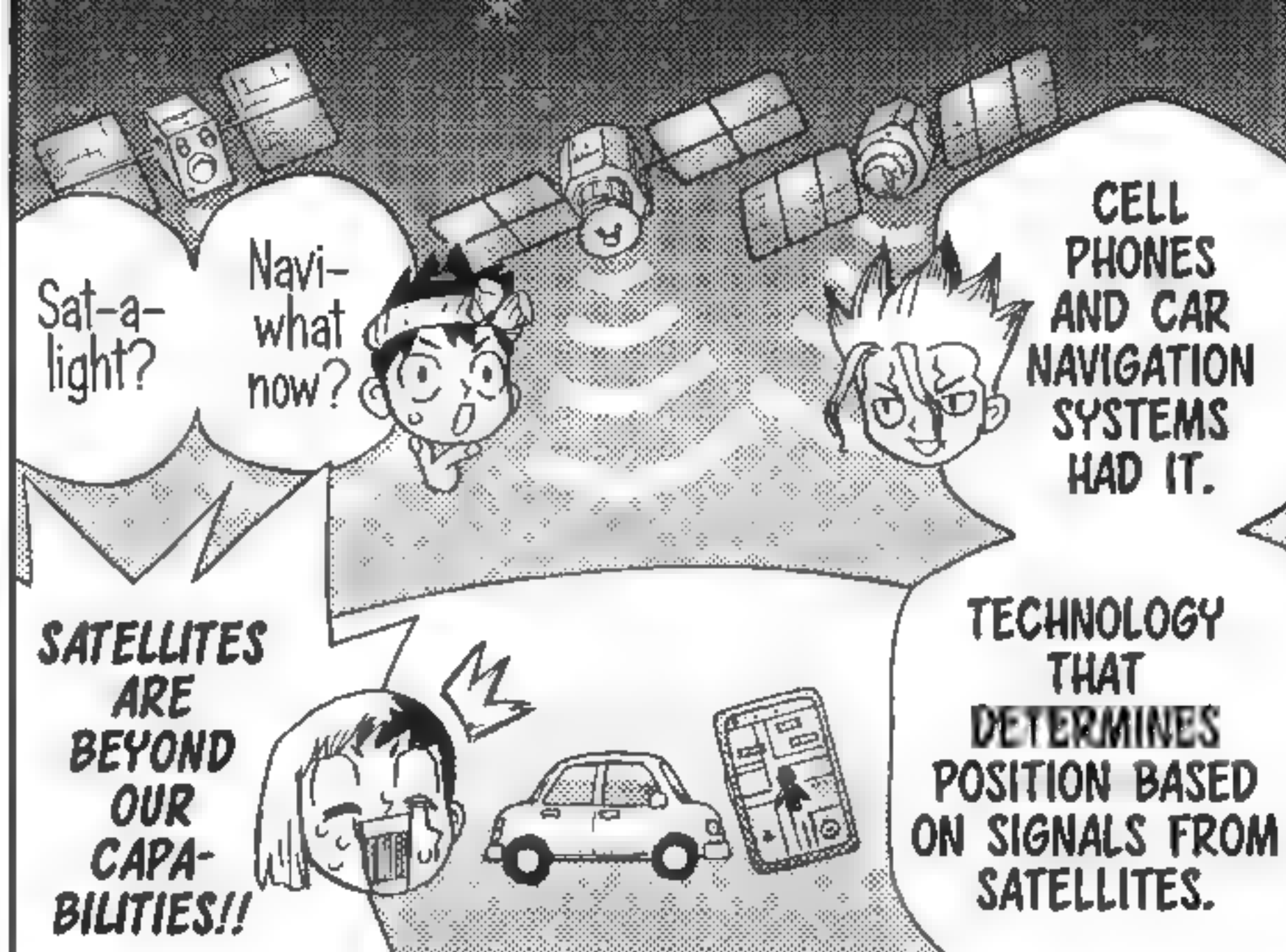
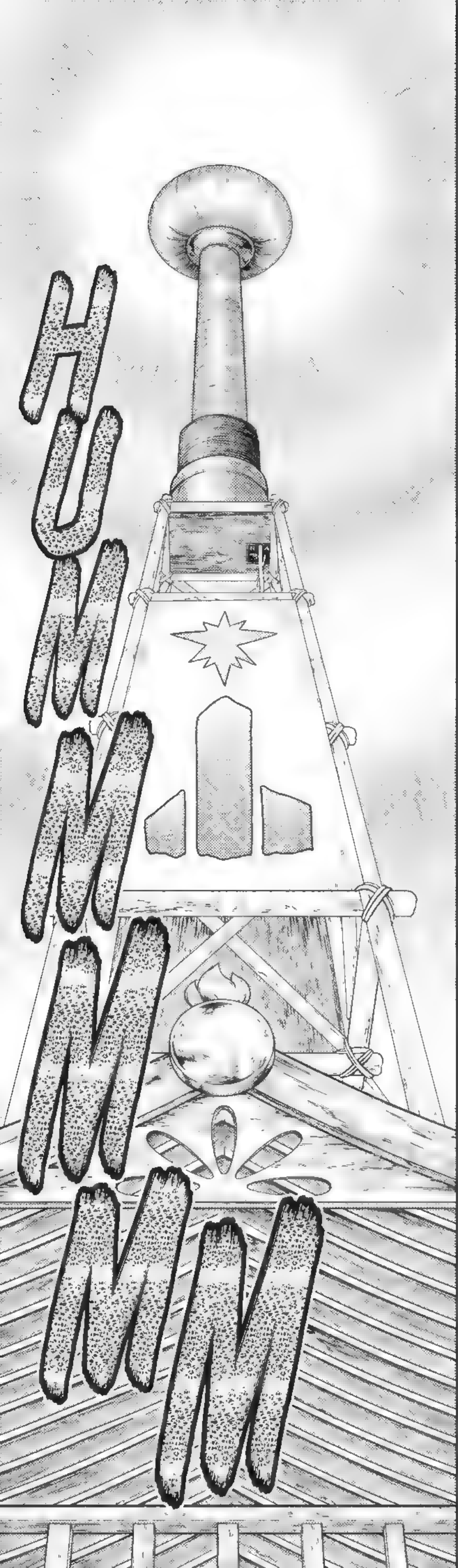
















THIS PART IS SO ANALOG. ALMOST FEELS A LITTLE SLAPDASH.

JUST KEEP SPINNING THAT ANTENNA AROUND.

THE SIGNAL'S DIRECTIONALITY AND INTENSITY WILL LET US CALCULATE DISTANCE!

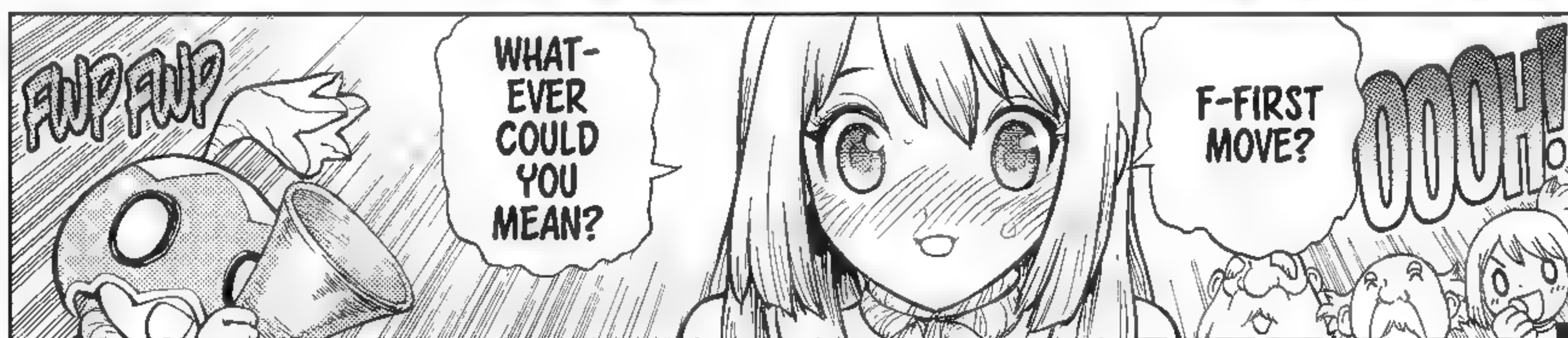
COUNTING ON YOUR EARS FOR THIS, SONAR-MAN UKYO.

LET'S RUN A SIGNAL TOWER CHECK!

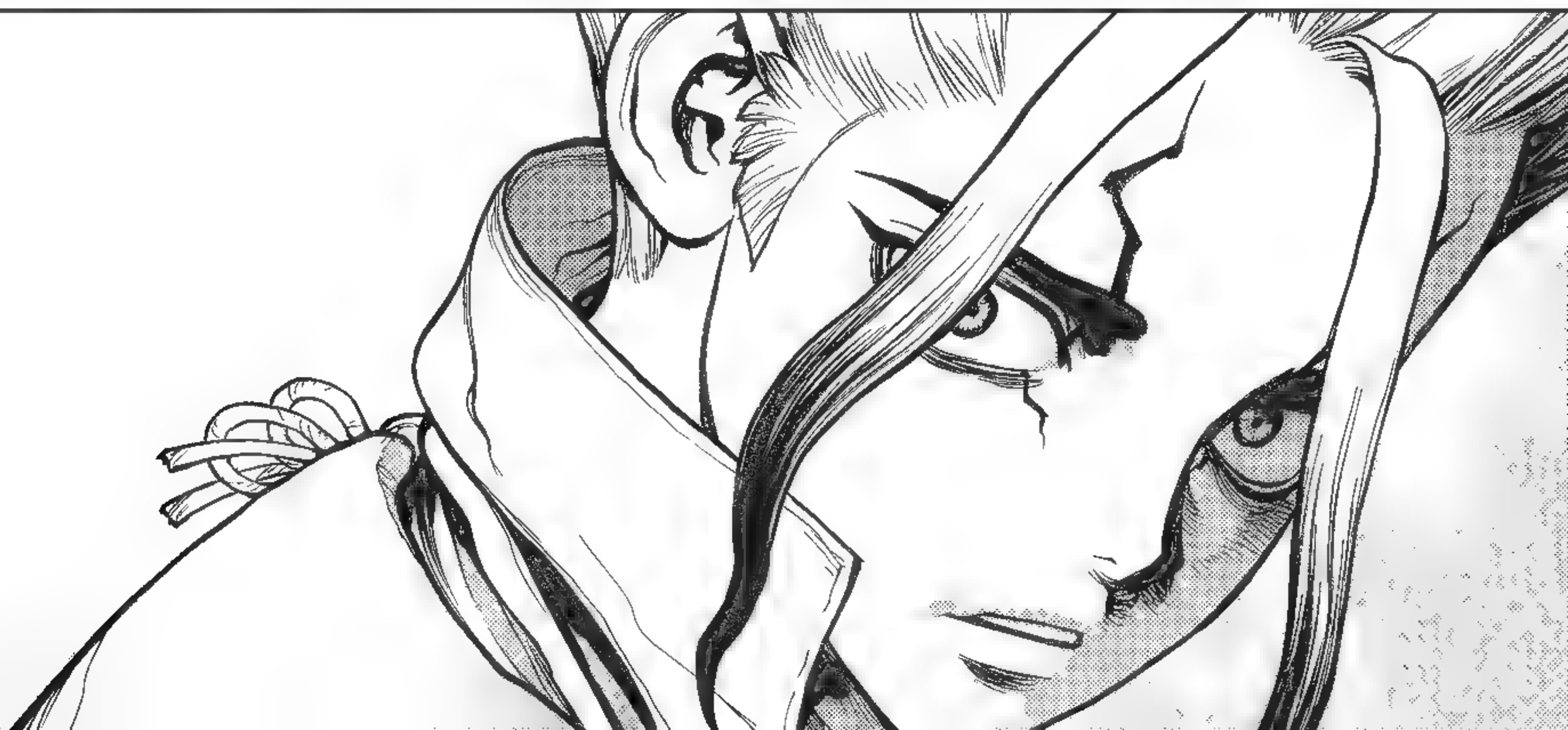
YUP! WE'RE IN BUSINESS!!

HAVE YOU FOUND YOUR BEARINGS, SAILORS?

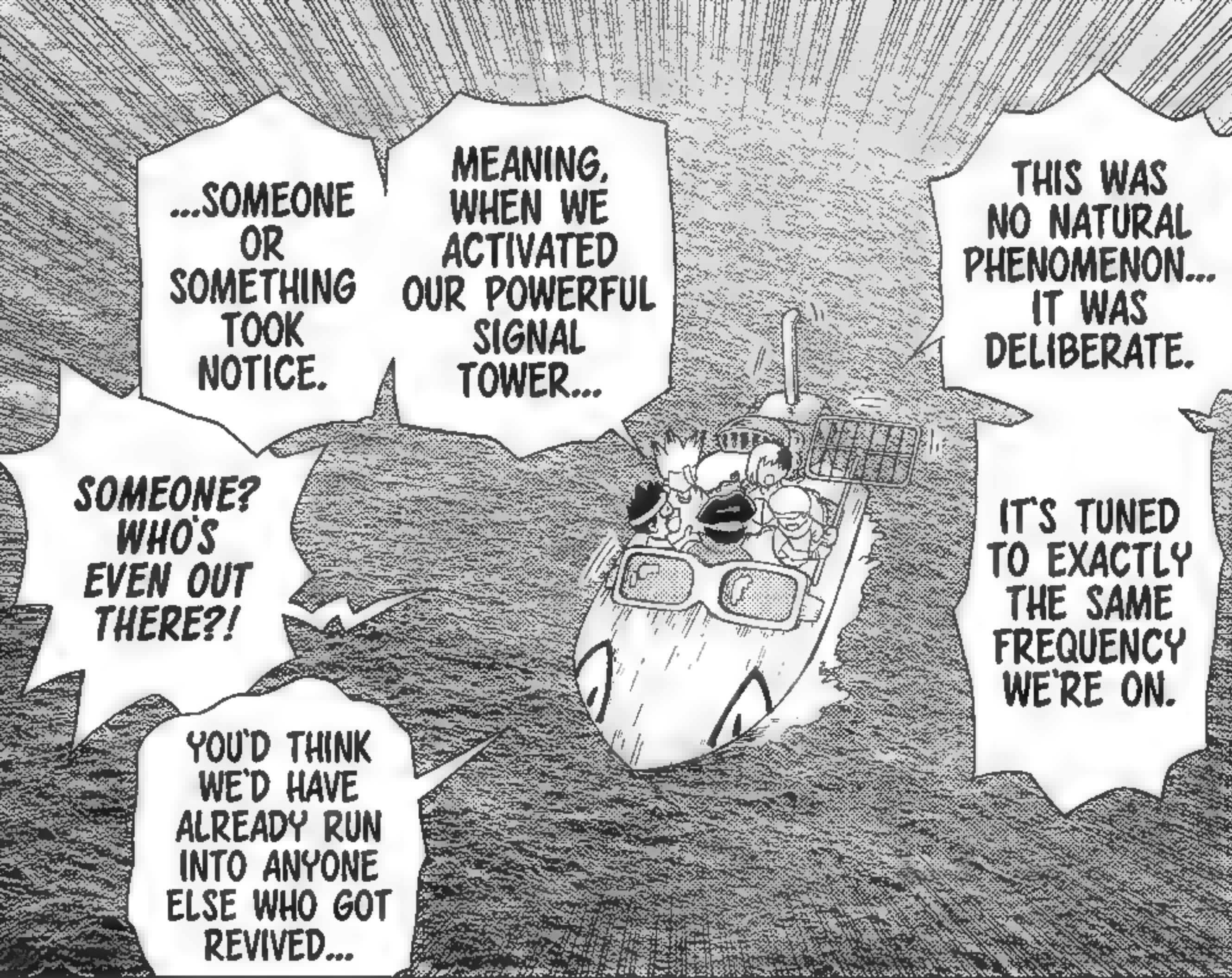












...SOMEONE  
OR  
SOMETHING  
TOOK  
NOTICE.

MEANING,  
WHEN WE  
ACTIVATED  
OUR POWERFUL  
SIGNAL  
TOWER...

THIS WAS  
NO NATURAL  
PHENOMENON...  
IT WAS  
DELIBERATE.

IT'S TUNED  
TO EXACTLY  
THE SAME  
FREQUENCY  
WE'RE ON.

SOMEONE?  
WHO'S  
EVEN OUT  
THERE?!

YOU'D THINK  
WE'D HAVE  
ALREADY RUN  
INTO ANYONE  
ELSE WHO GOT  
REVIVED...



FROM  
PLASMA  
IN  
SPACE,  
MAYBE?

NO!!



...A  
MESSAGE  
FOR US!

IT'S...

UM...  
"W."

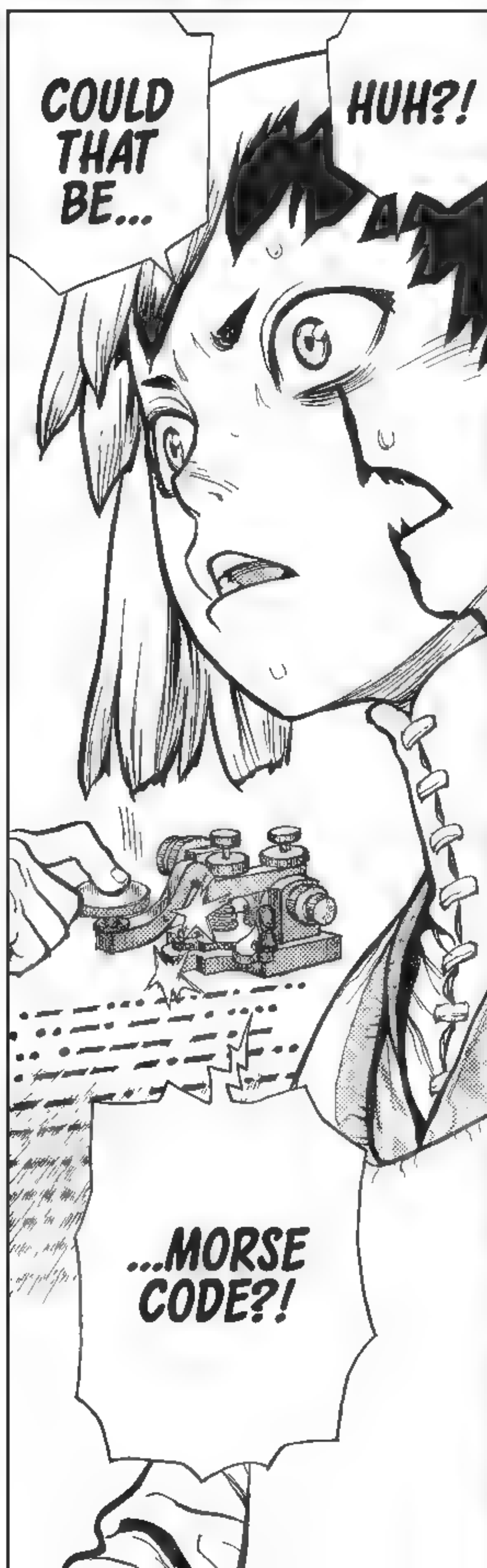
I  
THINK  
?

THEN  
"H"...

...REPEATING  
THE SAME  
STRING,  
OVER AND  
OVER.

WAIT.  
HOLD ON.  
THEY'RE...

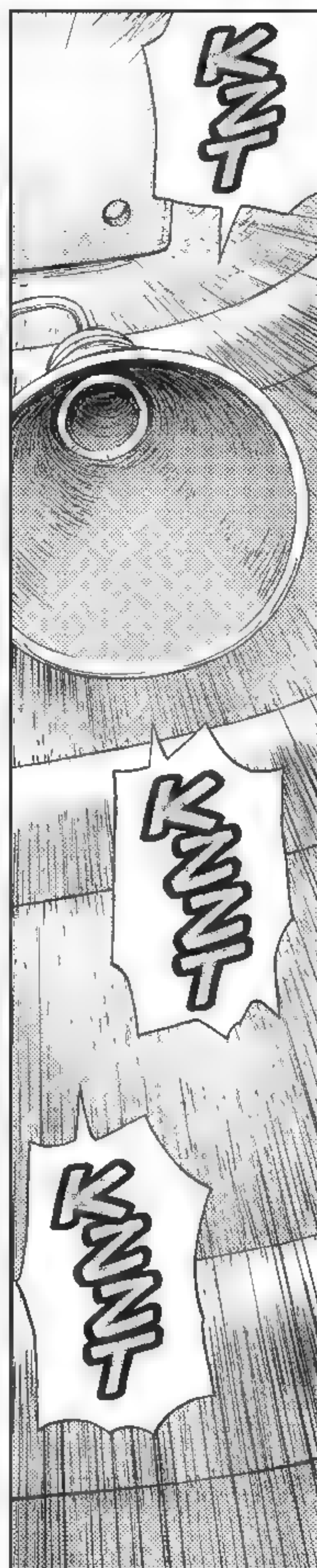
WHY



COULD  
THAT  
BE...

HUH?!

...MORSE  
CODE?!

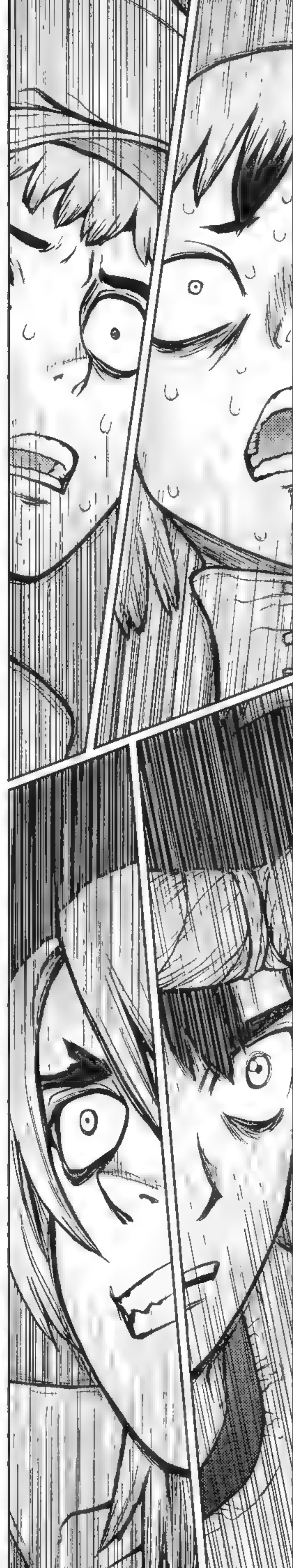


KZZT

KZZT

KZZT





A black and white photograph of a book cover. The cover is white with the word "WHY" printed in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The word is repeated in a grid pattern, arranged in four columns and ten rows. The edges of the book cover are heavily distressed and torn, showing a dark, textured material underneath. The overall effect is one of repetition and visual impact.









...ARE A  
MORSE  
CODE  
MESSAGE  
!!

THESE  
INTENSE  
RADIO  
WAVES...

WHERE'S  
THIS  
COMING  
FROM?!

WHY WHY WHY WHY  
WHY WHY WHY WHY  
WHY WHY WHY WHY  
WHY WHY WHY WHY  
WHY WHY WHY WHY  
WHY WHY WHY WHY  
WHY WHY WHY WHY  
WHY WHY WHY WHY



THERE'S  
A CHANCE  
THIS  
REALLY IS  
JUST  
A MAN.

A MANLY  
MAN WOULD  
PUT UP OR  
SHUT UP!!

YOU SHOULD  
CONSIDER  
PIPING  
DOWN TOO,  
CHROME!

"WHY,  
WHY,  
WHY...  
QUIET,  
ALREADY!!

WHO THE  
HECK'RE YOU,  
AND WHAT  
THE HECK'RE  
YOU BLABBING  
ABOUT?!



HEY.





**THE  
MASTERMIND  
BEHIND THE  
PETRIFICA-  
TION!**

**IT'S YOU,  
RIGHT?**

**HEH  
HEH HEH...  
I'VE BEEN  
DYING TO  
MEETCHA.**

**BEEN  
WAITING  
3,700 LONG  
YEARS, IN  
FACT.**

**SO GET  
EXCITED!!**



# Z=96: Eye of Science





**BAM**

**S**

KINGDOM OF SCIENCE  
TACTICS CHAMBER

PERHAPS,  
FAR  
BEYOND  
THE SEA...

S-S-SO  
WHO'S THIS  
MYSTERY  
PERSON  
TALKING  
TO US?

...THERE  
EXISTS  
ANOTHER  
GROUP OF  
SURVIVORS  
LIKE US...

COULD  
BE JUST  
A RESCUE  
REQUEST,  
RIGHT?

IN  
THAT CASE,  
WOULDN'T  
THEY SEND AN  
S.O.S. OR A  
GREETING?

MAYBE  
SOME  
DRIFTING  
SHIP  
PICKED UP  
OUR RADIO  
SIGNAL.

BUT A  
BARRAGE  
OF WHYS...

...SEEMS  
TO BE  
QUESTIONING  
WHAT WE'RE  
DOING.

**FSSSH**

**FSSSH**





AFTER ALL,  
THEY'RE THE  
ONES WHO  
HEARD THE  
MESSAGE  
FIRSTHAND.

INDEED.  
TOO MANY  
COOKS  
SPOIL THE  
BROTH.

LEAVE THE  
STRATEGIZING  
TO THOSE IN  
THE TACTICS  
CHAMBER.



THERE'S  
STILL WORK  
TO BE  
DONE!

LEAVE THIS  
TO SENKU AND  
THOSE GUYS  
WHILE WE DO  
WHAT WE CAN.

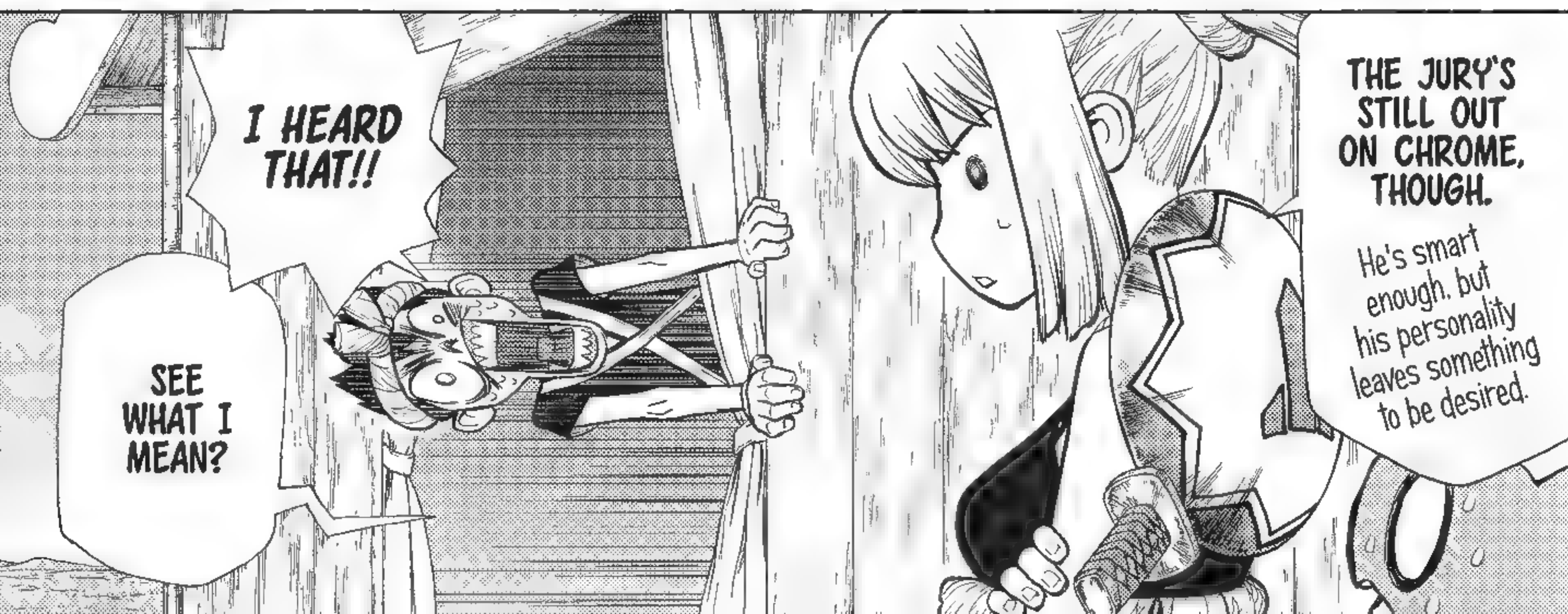
WORRYING'S  
NOT GONNA  
SOLVE  
ANYTHING!

FROM THE  
DEPTHS OF  
MY HEART, I  
COULDN'T AGREE  
MORE, MASTER  
TAIJU.



OUR FIVE  
WISE COM-  
MANDERS  
!!

THE  
SHARPEST  
MINDS  
IN THE  
KINGDOM...



I HEARD  
THAT!!

SEE  
WHAT I  
MEAN?

THE JURY'S  
STILL OUT  
ON CHROME,  
THOUGH.

He's smart  
enough, but  
his personality  
leaves something  
to be desired.





THANKS.  
I'VE HEARD  
MOST OF IT  
BEFORE, BUT  
WHY NOT!

...LET'S  
GO OVER  
THE WHOLE  
STORY  
AGAIN.

CHROME  
WASN'T  
THERE  
FOR THE  
ORIGINAL  
EVENT, SO...



HMPH!  
SO WE'RE  
THINKING OUR  
WHY-MAN IS  
BEHIND IT  
ALL?

WE'RE  
CALLING  
HIM "WHY-  
MAN"  
NOW?

THERE'S NO  
WAY THIS GUY  
STRAIGHT-UP  
SURVIVED FOR  
3,700 YEARS,  
MEANING...



HUMAN  
CIVILIZATION  
AT THE TIME  
POSSESSED  
NO SCIENCE  
CAPABLE OF  
SUCH A THING,  
OF COURSE.

OUT OF  
NOWHERE,  
ONE DAY, A  
MYSTERIOUS  
BLAST  
OF LIGHT  
COVERED  
THE EARTH...

...AND  
TURNED  
HUMANITY  
TO STONE!!

BY THE  
TIME SENKU  
WILLED  
HIMSELF  
TO BREAK  
OUT OF THE  
STONE...

...ABOUT  
3,700  
YEARS  
HAD  
PASSED.



...HE  
PETRIFIED  
HIMSELF  
TOO!

...IT'S  
POSSIBLE  
...



IF HE TURNS  
OUT TO BE AN ALLY,  
THEN WE'VE OVER-  
PREPARED FOR  
THE WORST,  
AND THAT'LL  
BE A RELIEF.

HE COULD BE,  
BUT HIM BEING  
AN ENEMY IS  
THE ONLY  
PRESUMPTION WE  
REALLY NEED  
TO CONSIDER.



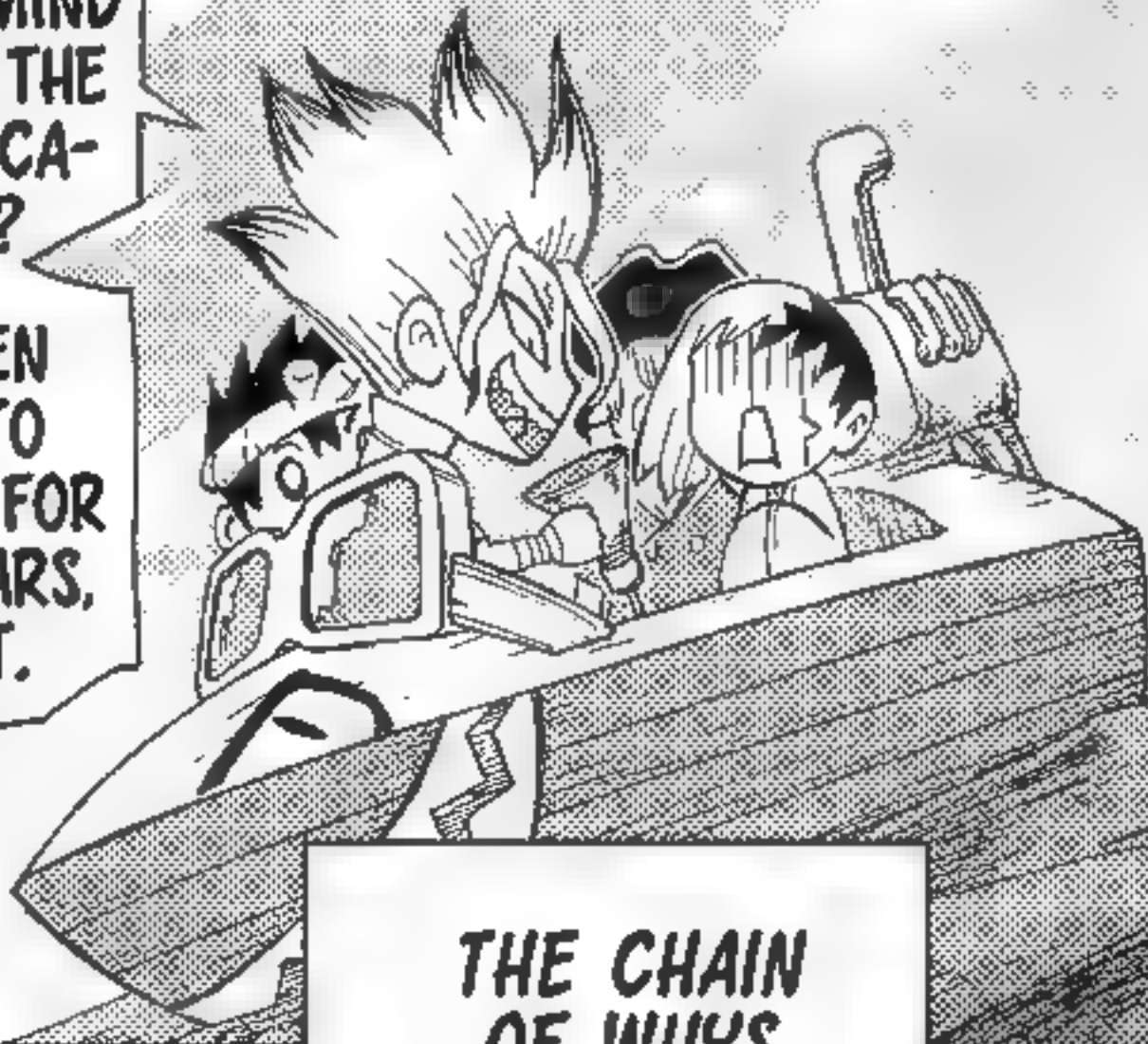
Couldn't  
he be  
an ally?

...HOW DO WE  
EVEN KNOW  
WHY-MAN IS  
AN ENEMY?

HANG ON,  
HANG ON.  
I MIGHT'VE  
SNAPPED  
EARLIER,  
BUT...

AREN'T  
YOU THE  
MASTERMIND  
BEHIND THE  
PETRIFICA-  
TION?

I'VE BEEN  
DYING TO  
MEETCHA FOR  
3,700 YEARS,  
IN FACT.



...THAT IT  
COMPLETELY  
IGNORED  
DEAR SENKU'S  
PROVOCATION.

...AND WE  
RECEIVED  
NO  
ADDITIONAL  
RESPONSE.

THE CHAIN  
OF WHYS  
IN MORSE  
CODE  
ENDED  
THERE...



AT THE  
VERY  
LEAST...

CONSIDER  
THE  
FACT...

...WE CAN  
ASSUME  
THIS IS NO  
FRIENDLY  
FORCE.



**BINGO!!**



THIS  
UNKNOWN  
ENTITY...

WHERE ARE  
THEY? HOW  
WILL THEY  
COME AT US?

IT'S AN  
UNSEEN  
ENEMY.

WE'RE IN  
A TIGHT  
SPOT!!



CAN WE  
SEE THE  
ENEMY  
WITH THIS  
THING??

AN  
ERLEN-  
MEYER...

...FLASK?

SURELY  
THAT  
CAN'T  
BE IT.

I WAS  
RIGHT!

NOPE,  
THAT'S  
IT.

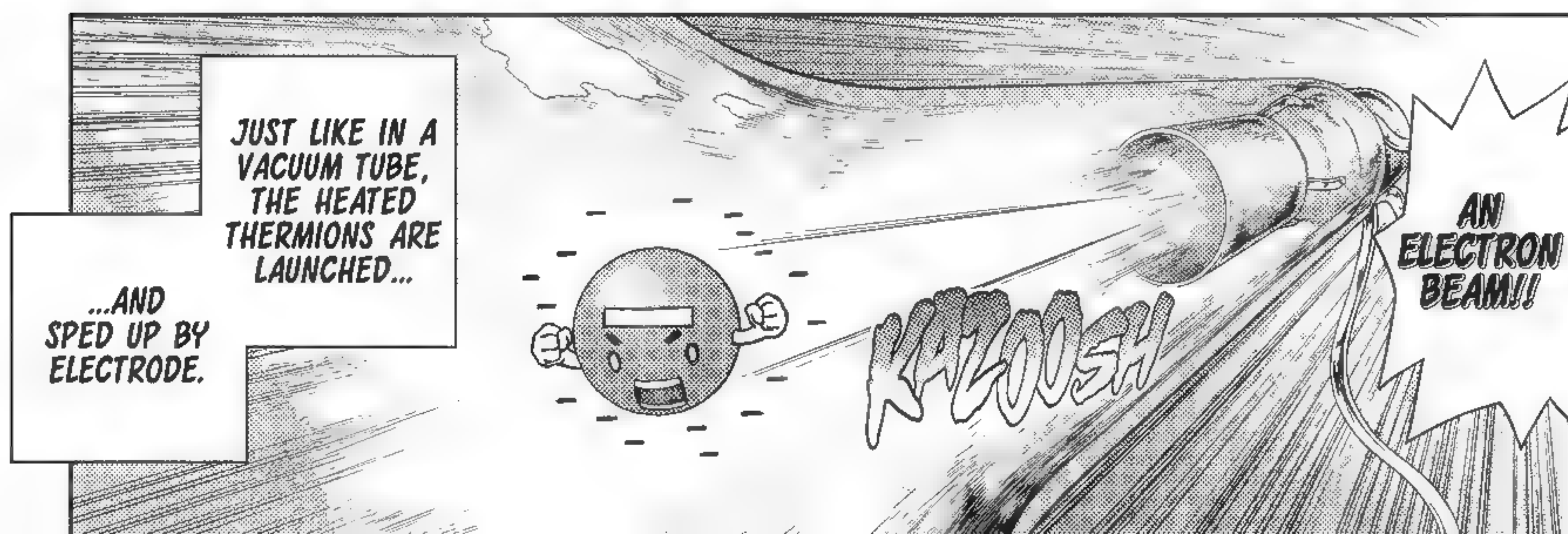
I GOT A  
JOB FOR  
YOU, POWER  
TEAM.

WE'VE JUST  
GOTTA SEE  
THIS UNSEEN  
ENEMY...

HEH  
HEH HEH...  
THIS  
MAKES  
THINGS  
SIMPLE.

...WITH  
THE  
EYE OF  
SCIENCE!







...LIGHTS  
UP JUST  
WHERE THE  
PARTICLES  
HIT.

THE  
FLUORESCENT  
PAINT AT THE  
BOTTOM OF  
THE FLASK...

...OF  
THE  
DISPLAY  
SCREEN!!

WE'VE  
GOT THE  
REBIRTH...

GLOW

Braun tube  
acquired!!

PRETTY  
SURE SENKU'S  
FINALLY  
SNAPPED,  
YEAH?

ALL  
THIS MAD  
SCIENCE  
GOT TO HIS  
HEAD...

IT JUST  
LOOKS LIKE  
A SPOT OF  
LIGHT TO  
ME...

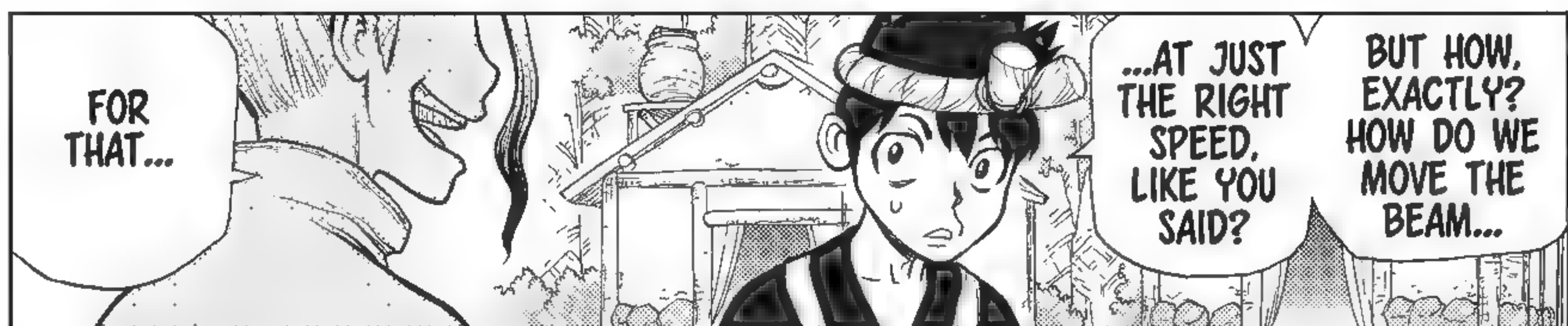
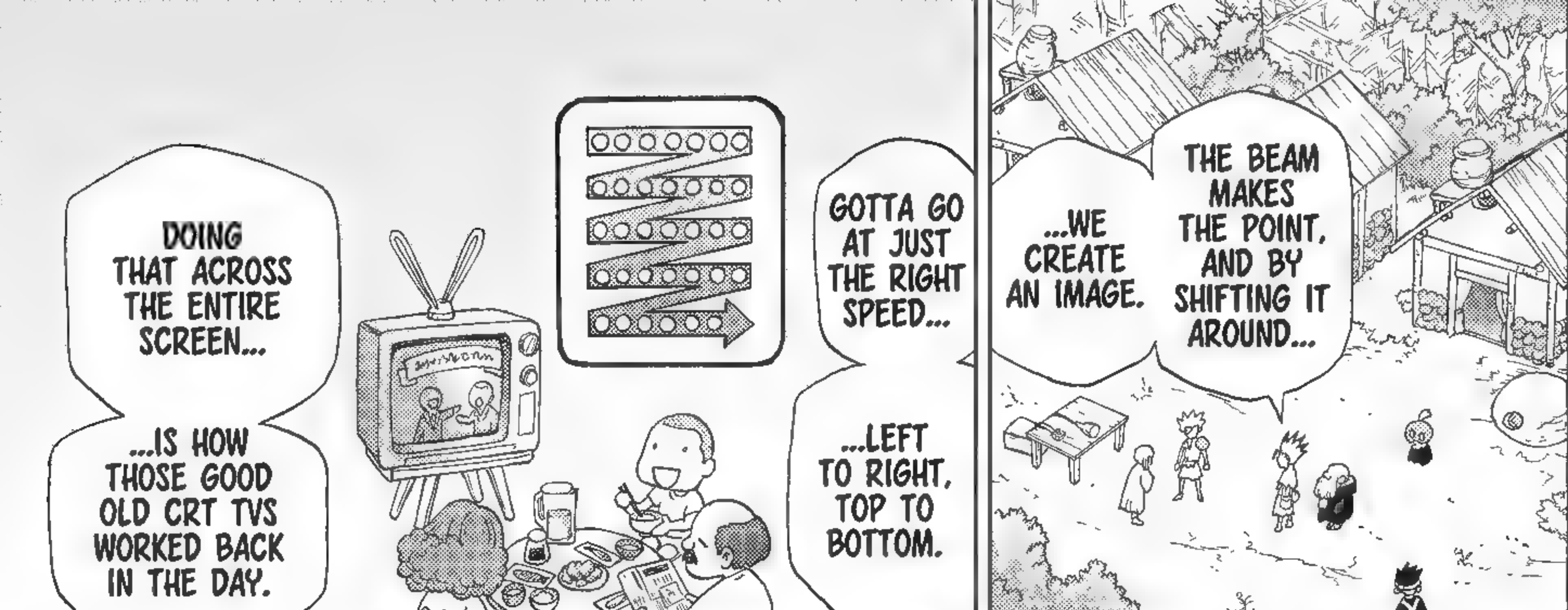
THIS IS A  
SCREEN?

DAP

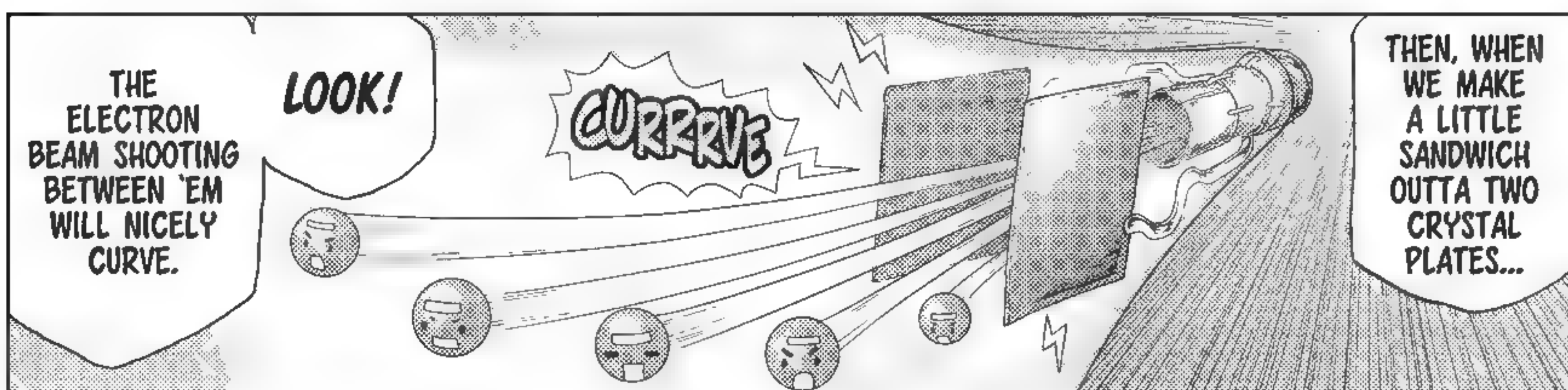
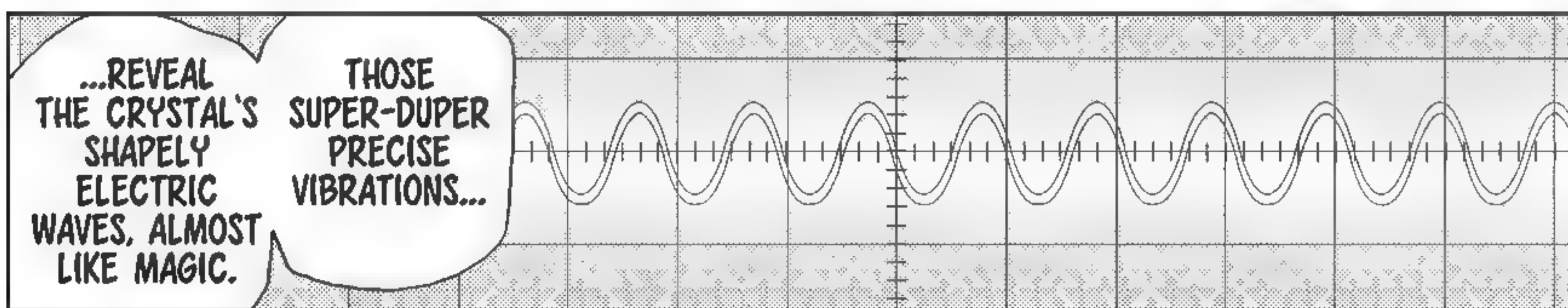
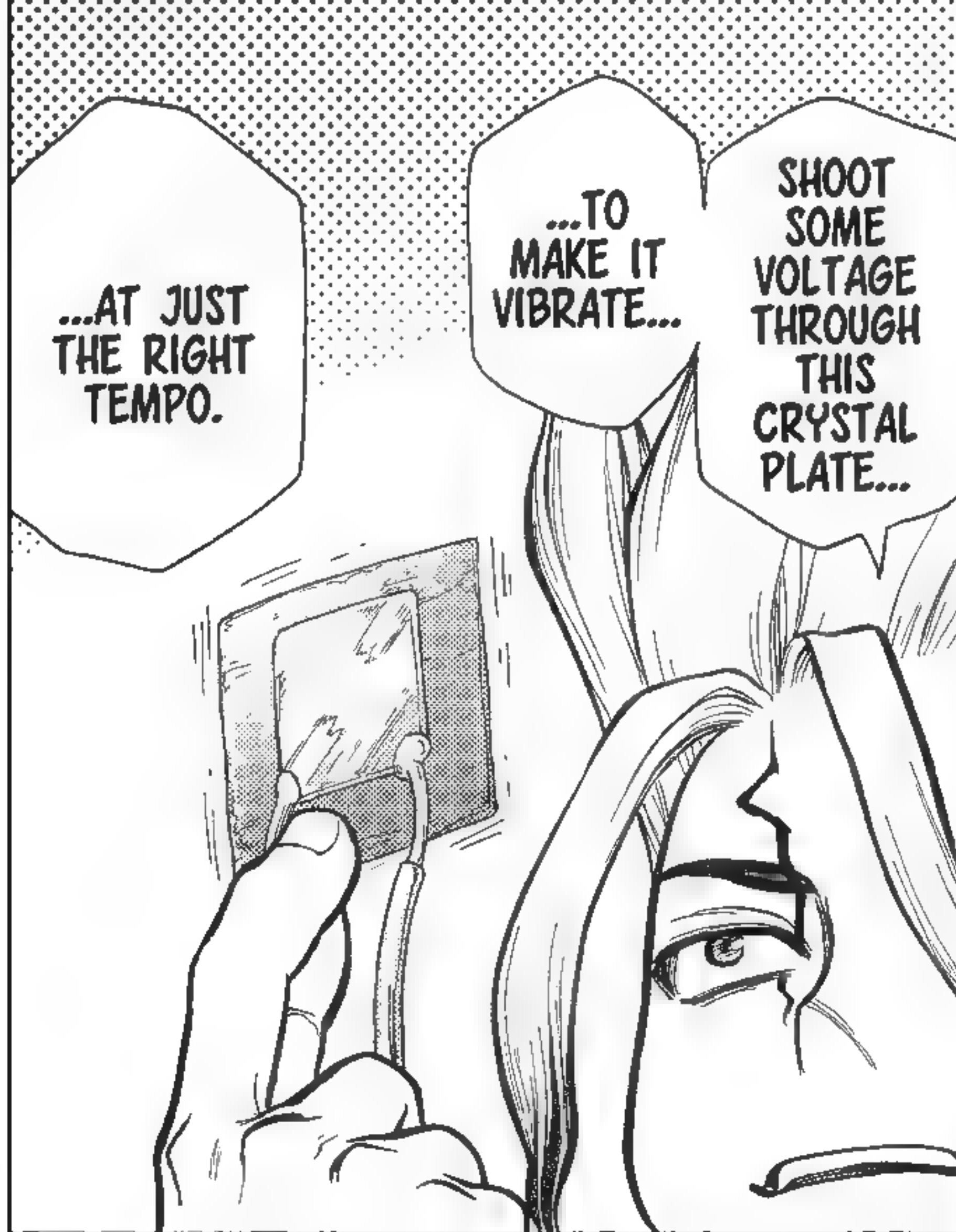
I PLANNED  
TO CREATE  
THIS FOR  
OUR GPS ALL  
ALONG.

HAVING  
ALL THE  
PRODUCTION  
PREP IN PLACE  
MADE THIS  
A PIECE OF  
CAKE!!

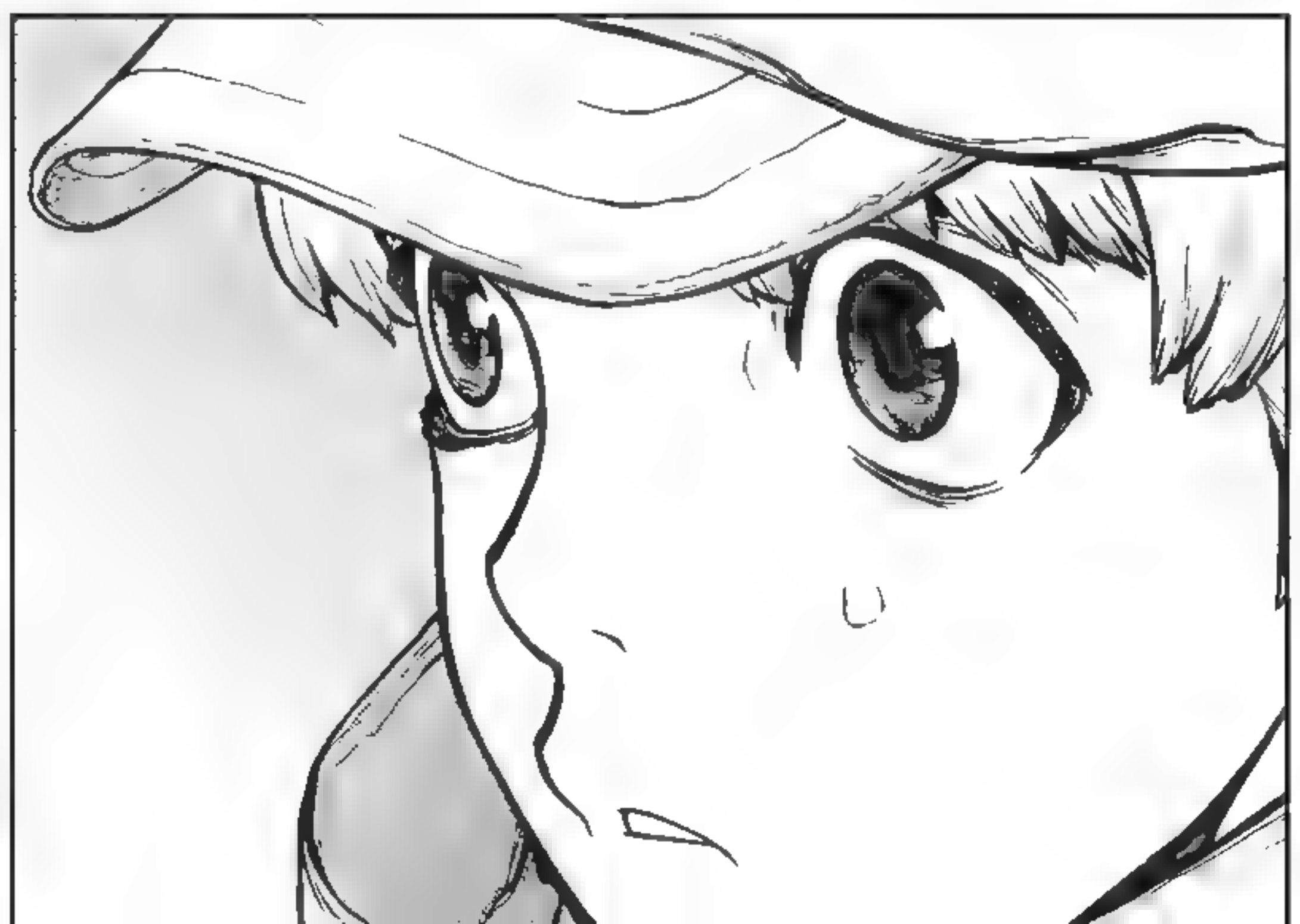
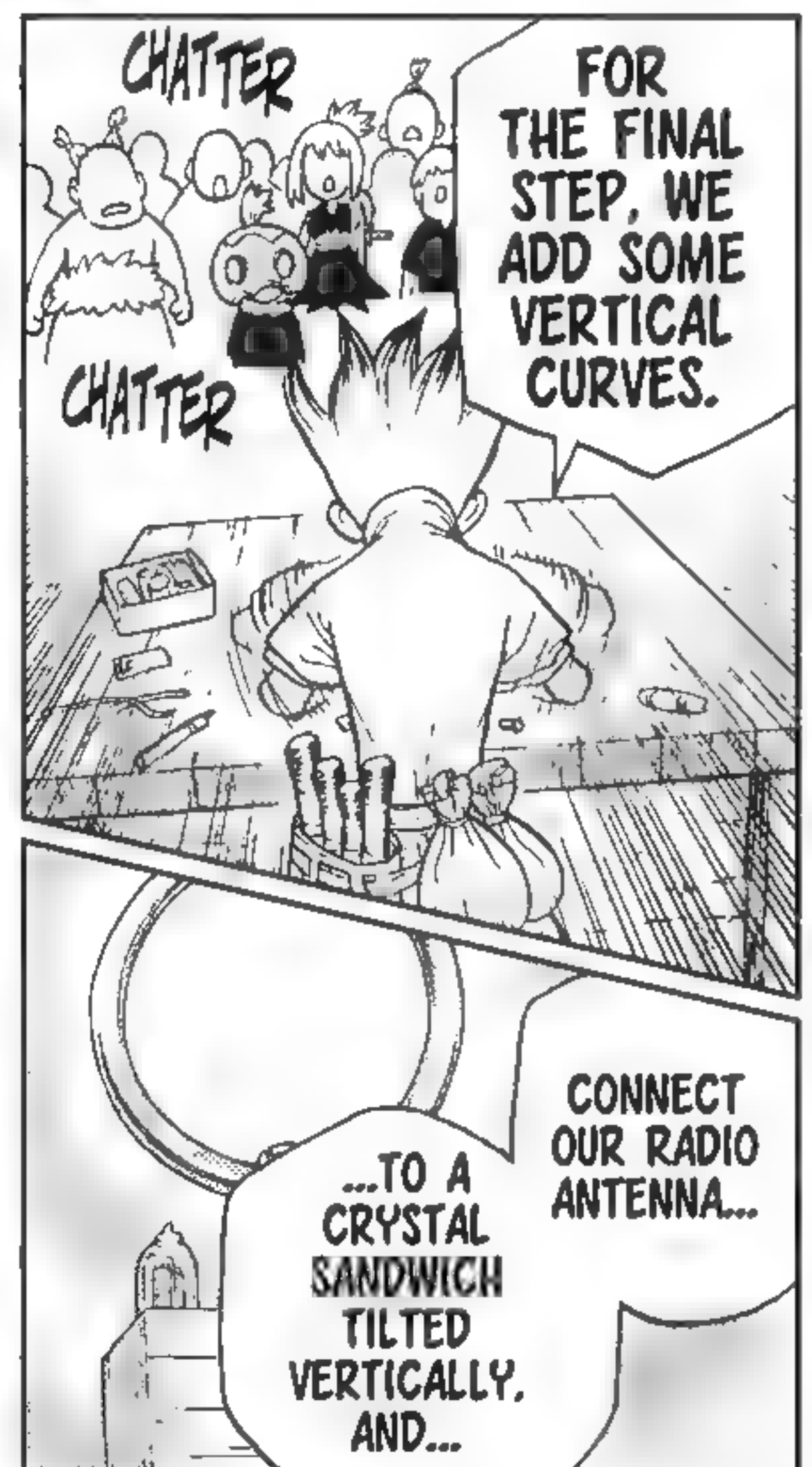














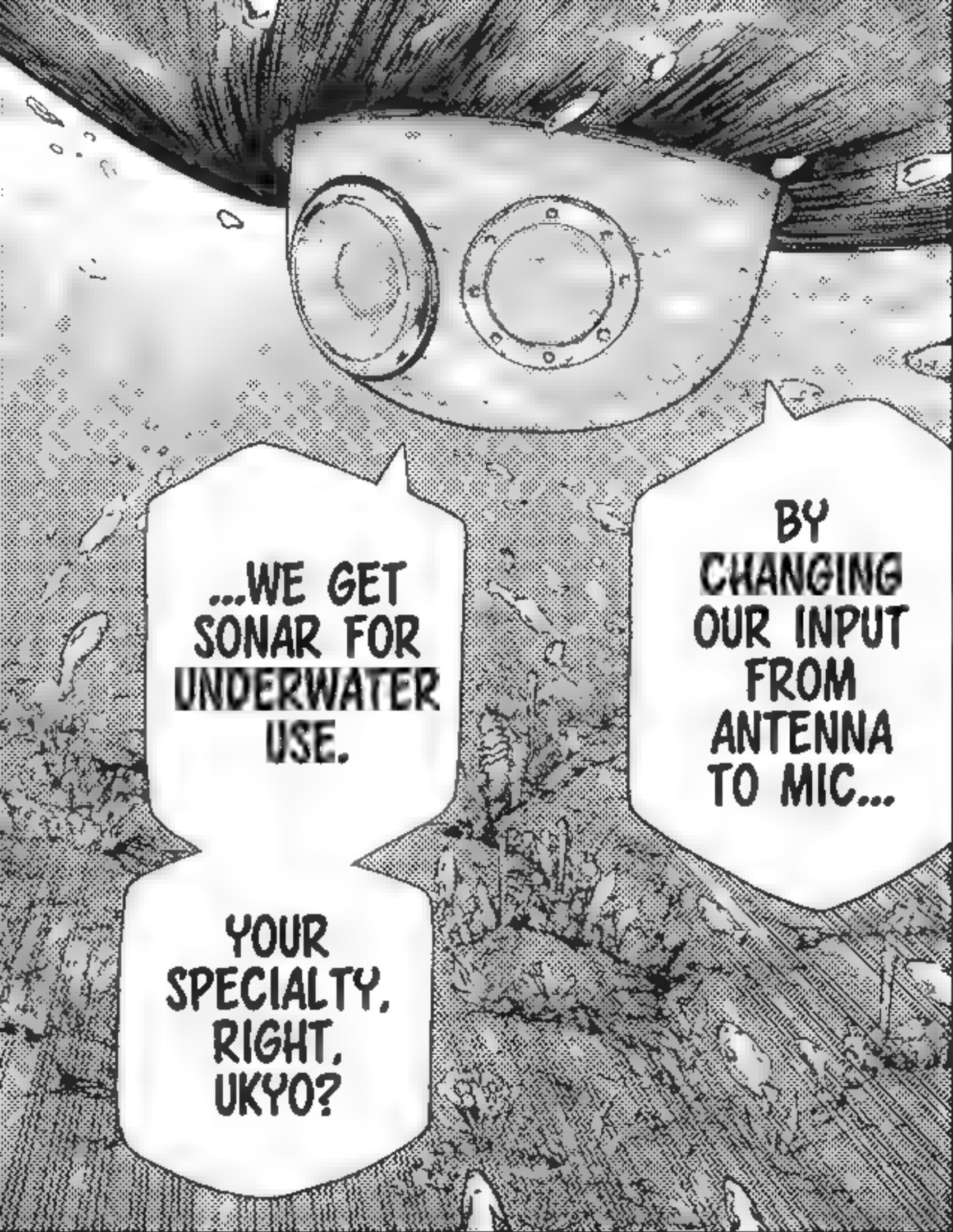
**AN EYE OF  
SCIENCE?**

**SEEING  
AN UNSEEN  
ENEMY?**

**IT'S  
RADAR!!**



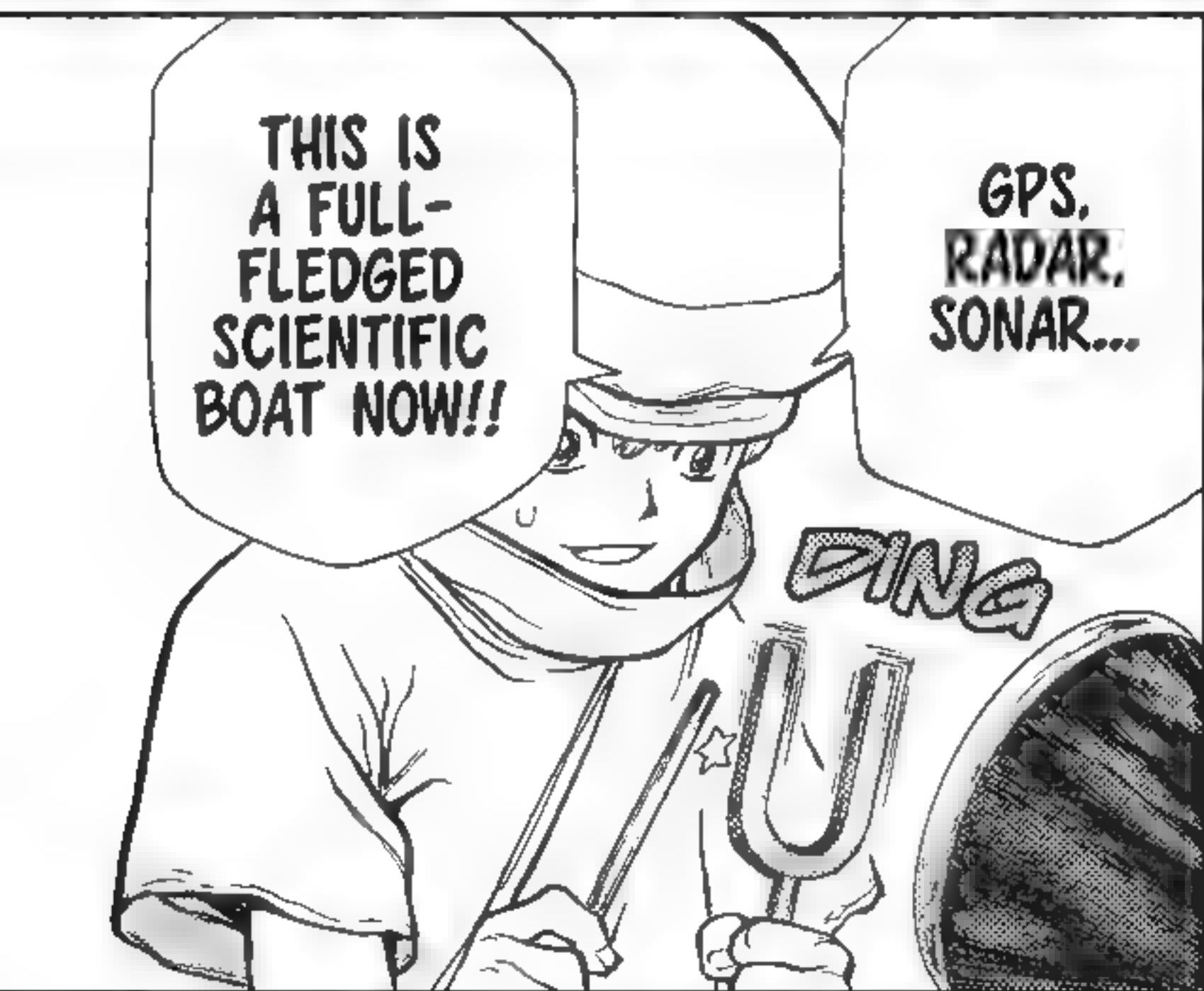




...WE GET  
SONAR FOR  
UNDERWATER  
USE.

BY  
CHANGING  
OUR INPUT  
FROM  
ANTENNA  
TO MIC...

YOUR  
SPECIALTY,  
RIGHT,  
UKYO?



THIS IS  
A FULL-  
FLEDGED  
SCIENTIFIC  
BOAT NOW!!

GPS,  
RADAR,  
SONAR...

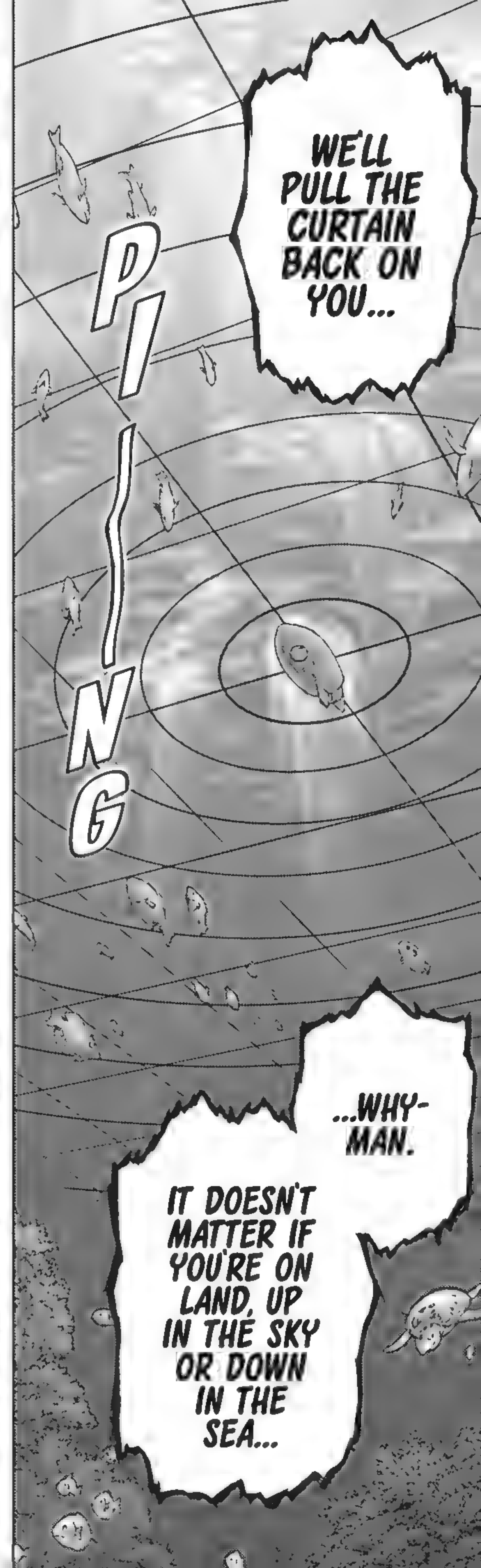


HEH  
HEH HEH...  
DIDN'T I  
TELL YOU  
ALL...?

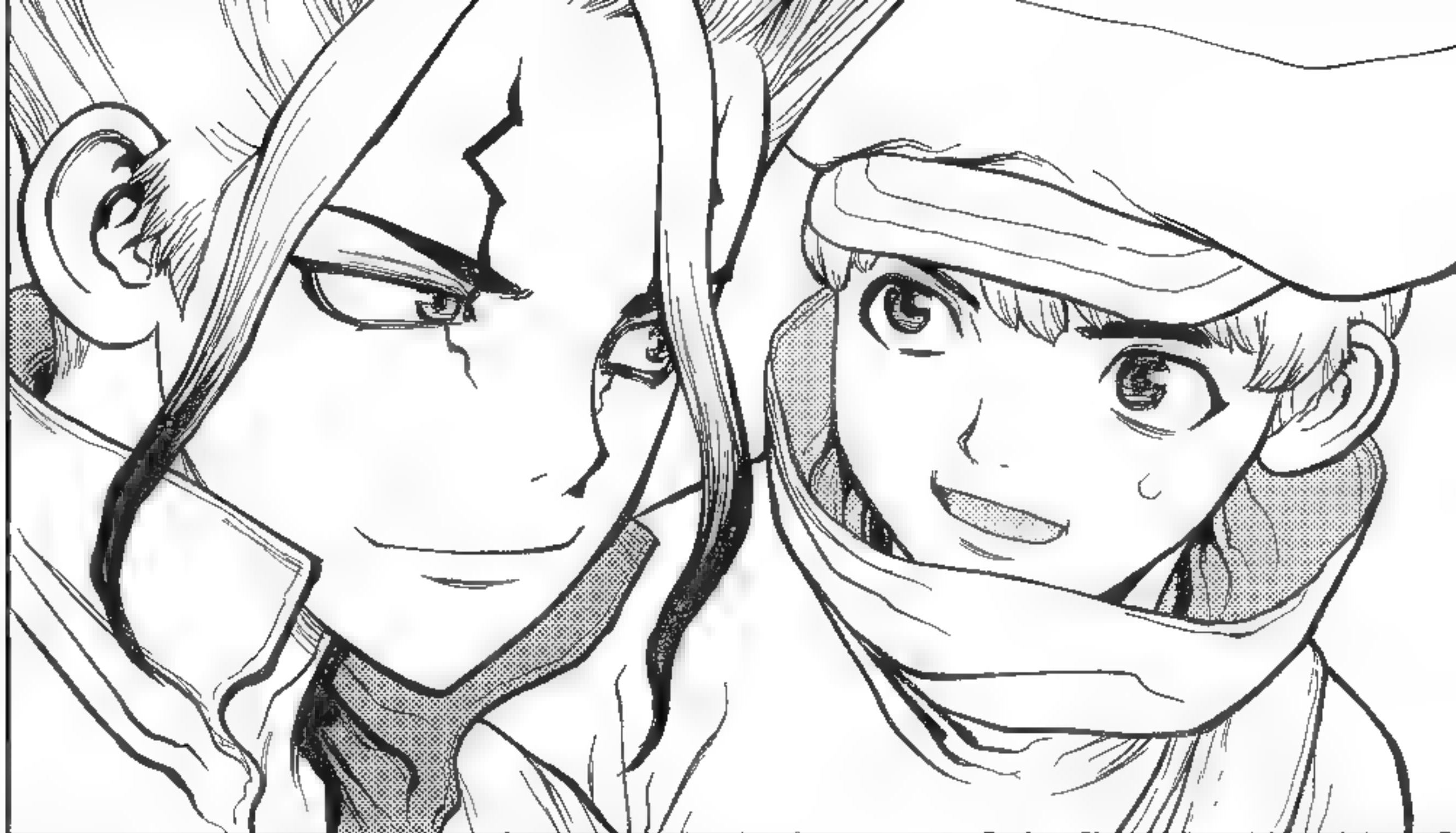
MANKIND'S  
GREATEST  
WEAPON HAS  
ALWAYS BEEN  
COMMUNICATION.















**BAAAAAD!**

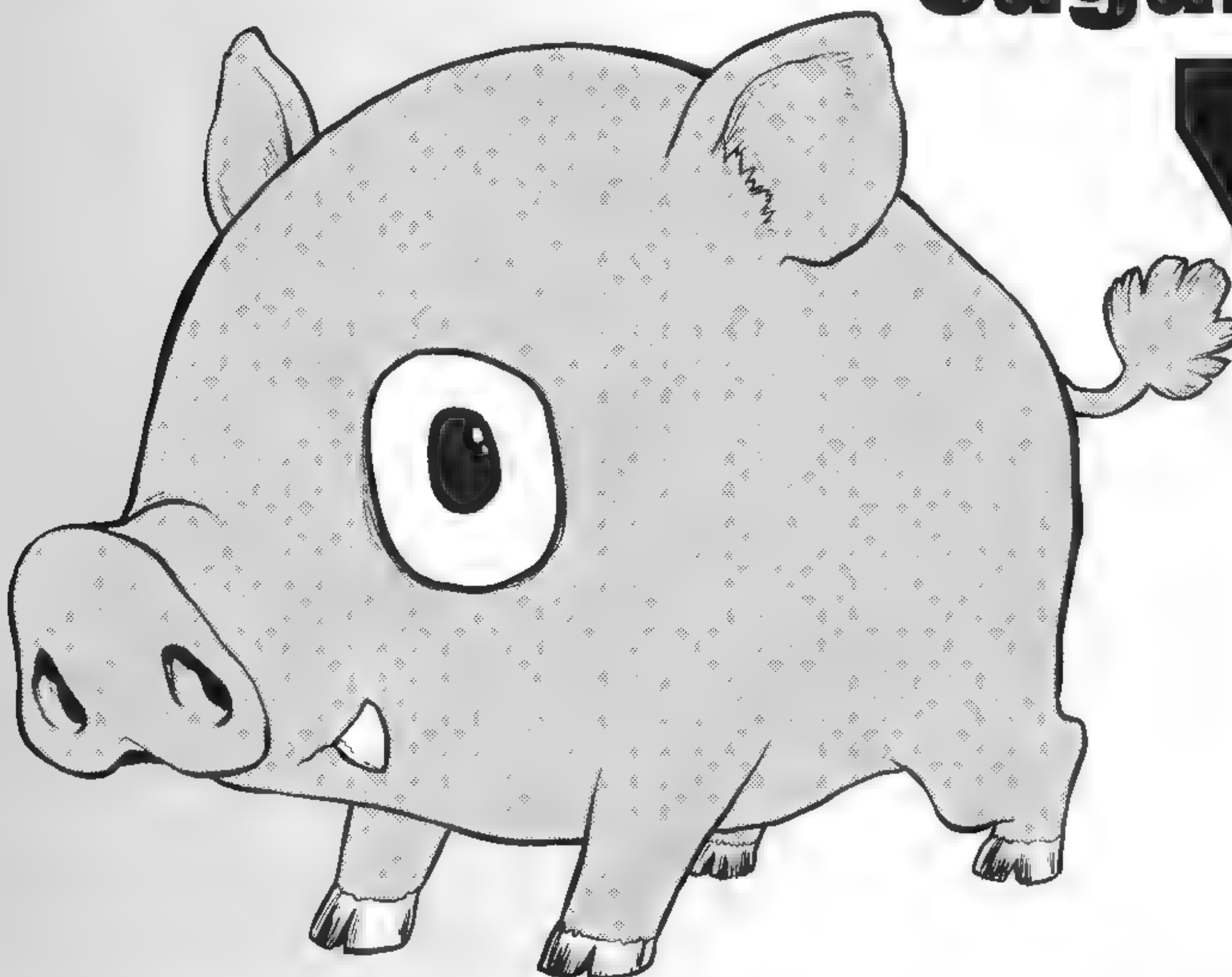
**WHAT  
A  
HAUL!!**

**PI—NG**

**Radar  
and sonar  
acquired!!**



## Sagara



**A boar left alone  
in the world...**

**Sagara doesn't have  
the good sense to be  
wary of danger. He  
probably would've met  
a tragic end out in the  
wild before too long,  
but luck was on this  
pig's side.**

**Now, he sniffs out  
mushrooms and wild  
veggies with his new  
canine friend, Chalk.**

**Sniffer:** ★★★★★

**Brains:** ★★★

**Skittishness:** ★

**Full Name:** Sagara

**Height:** 60 cm

**Job in Kingdom:** Finding Food





**Z=97: The Joy of Leadership**





HA HA!  
SO WHAT  
YOU'RE  
SAYING  
IS THAT...



...SO WE  
CAN TRACK  
DOWN THE  
MYSTERIOUS  
WHY-MAN!!

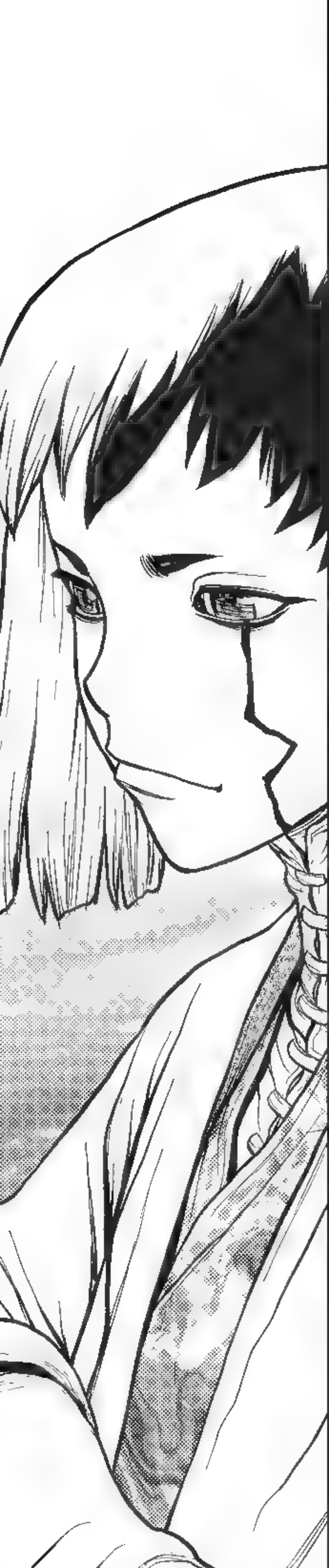
...ALL  
THE WAY  
AROUND  
THE  
WORLD...

...RADAR AND  
SONAR—THESE  
EYES OF  
SCIENCE—  
WILL LIGHT  
OUR WAY...

GOTTA  
HAND IT  
TO WHY-  
MAN.

BEFORE  
HIM, WE DIDN'T  
HAVE A SINGLE  
LEAD TO FOLLOW.





THIS COULD  
ACTUALLY BE  
UN-FAY!

HA HA!  
EVEN  
THOUGH WE  
MAY BE  
FACING AN  
ENEMY?

AND IF WHY-  
MAN'S EERIE  
MESSAGE  
REALLY WAS  
A THREAT,  
WARDING US  
OFF...

...IT'S FUNNY  
HOW IT HAD  
THE OPPOSITE  
EFFECT—THAT'S  
WHAT HE GETS  
FOR MESSING  
WITH SENKU.

HEH HEH HEH...  
BUT OUR NEW  
FRIEND ENTERED  
THE GAME ALL ON  
HIS OWN!

AND NOW  
WE'VE GOT  
A TARGET!

...TO  
FIGURING  
OUT THE  
PETRIFICATION  
MYSTERY!!

THIS'S  
GONNA  
GET US  
ONE STEP  
CLOSER...

...DEAR  
SENKU IS...

FUSH SH

INDEED.

THAT'S JUST  
THE SORT OF  
PERSON...





I PROVIDE  
BREAD,  
RADAR  
PROVIDES  
FISH.

WITH THIS,  
OUR VOYAGE  
WILL NOT  
LACK FOR  
FOOD.



RADAR AND  
SONAR ARE  
POWERFUL  
BEYOND  
BELIEF!!

A FANTASTIC  
DEVICE THAT  
LEADS US  
TO FISH?

MUNCH  
MUNCH

MUNCH

SUIKA'S  
NEVER  
SEEN...

...SO MANY  
FISH  
BEFORE!!

...THIS TECH  
LETS US SEE  
THROUGH  
ANYTHING!!

YES.  
WHETHER  
IT'S THE  
DARK SEA  
OR CLOUDY  
SKIES...

...ANYTHING  
?!

DING

DING

SEE  
THROUGH...





X-RAYS  
CAN  
KINDA  
DO THAT,  
BUT...

GINRO.  
ENOUGH  
...

SLEAZY  
BEYOND  
BELIEF!

HOW ABOUT...  
CLOTHING?

*Women's!*

RADAR  
CAN SEE  
THROUGH  
THINGS?

...YOU  
CAN'T SEE  
THROUGH  
JUST  
CLOTHES.

Y'KNOW, I GOTTA  
SAY—I'VE ALWAYS  
HAD AN APPRECIATION  
FOR SCIENCE.



THAT  
SPARK OF  
A NEW  
IDEA. YOU  
KNOW THE  
ONE.

NAW,  
CHROME'S  
GOT THAT  
LOOK IN  
HIS EYE.

RADAR  
CAN SEE  
THROUGH  
ANYTHING,  
HUH...?

YEAH? WELL...  
CHROME WAS  
TOTALLY THINKING  
THE SAME THING,  
SO LAY OFF!!

BUT I  
CAN'T SAY  
WHAT IT'S  
ABOUT.



OHO!  
ANOTHER  
IMPOSSIBLE  
TASK? JUST THE  
THING TO GET  
ME FIRED UP!

...THE SHIP'S  
READY TO  
SET SAIL,  
RIGHT?!

CUZ ONCE I  
MAKE THESE  
ENGINES...



THAT'S  
WHY WE'RE  
GONNA INSTALL  
SOME MASSIVE  
ENGINES ON  
THE SHIP.

THEY'LL  
PROVIDE OUR  
DEVICES WITH  
ALL THE JUICE  
THEY NEED!

ANY  
THOUGHTS ON  
OUR RADAR,  
UKYO? YOU'RE  
THE EXPERT  
HERE.

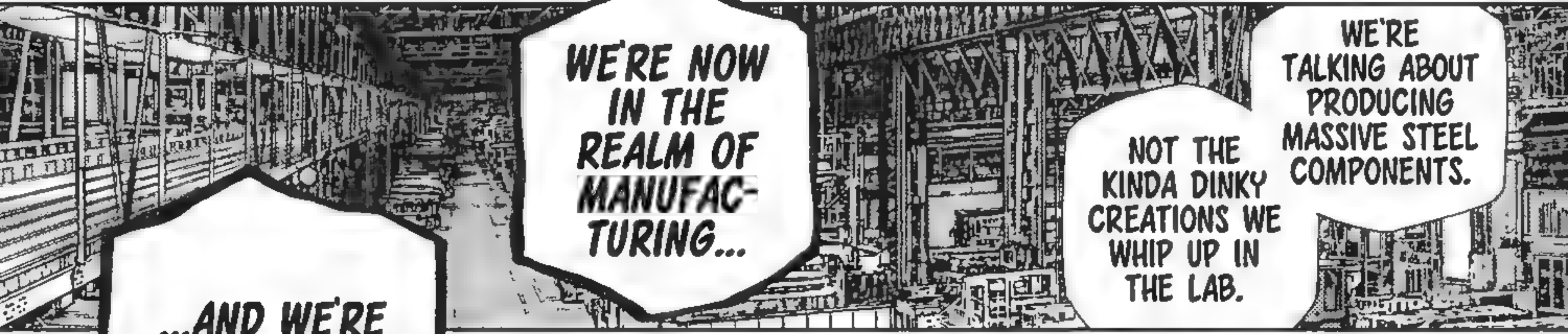
I'M A BIT  
CONCERNED  
ABOUT THE  
OUTPUT...  
...SINCE  
ORDINARY  
BATTERIES  
WON'T QUITE  
CUT IT.



ONE TINY  
PROBLEM,  
THOUGH.



YEAH.

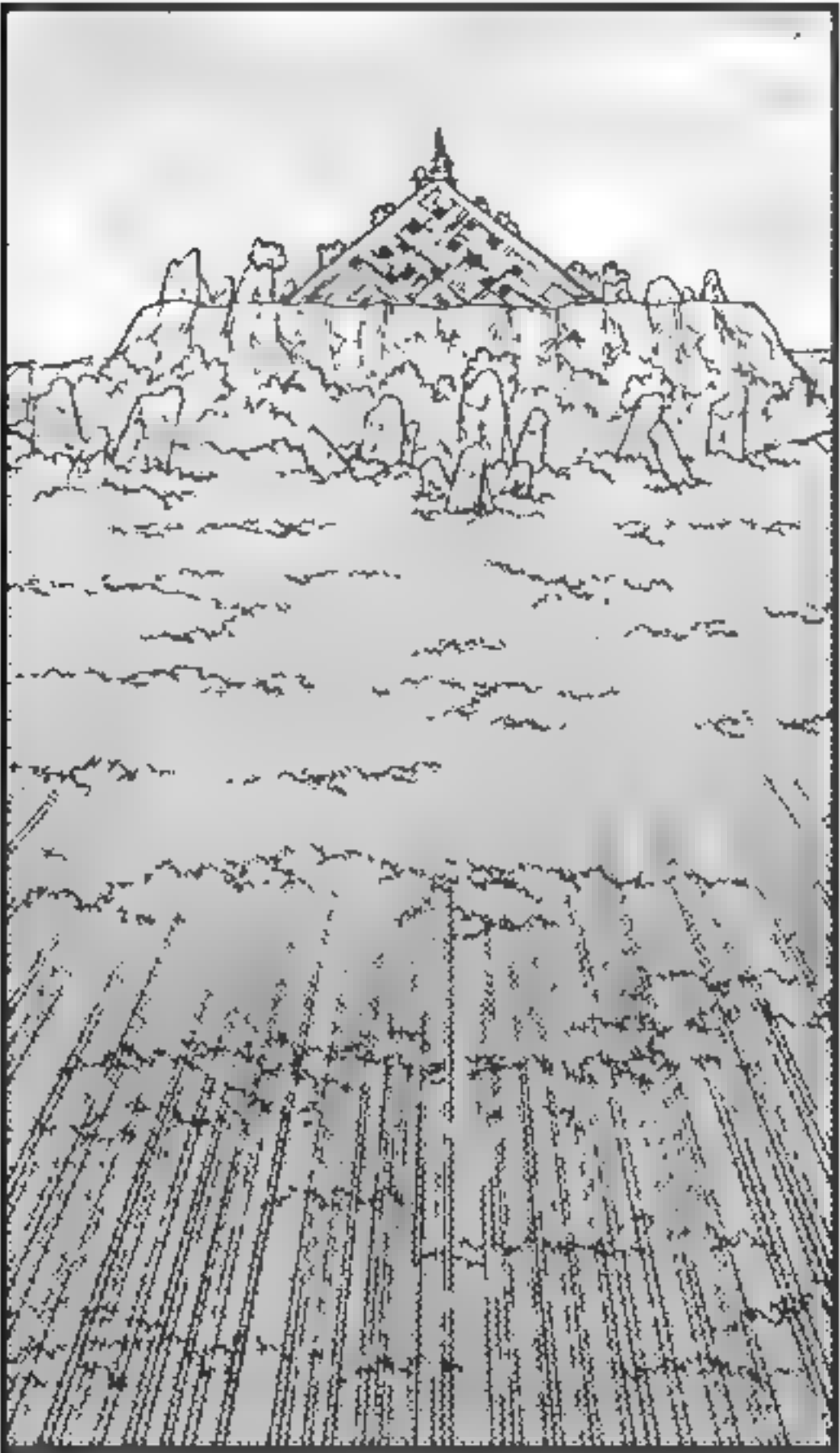
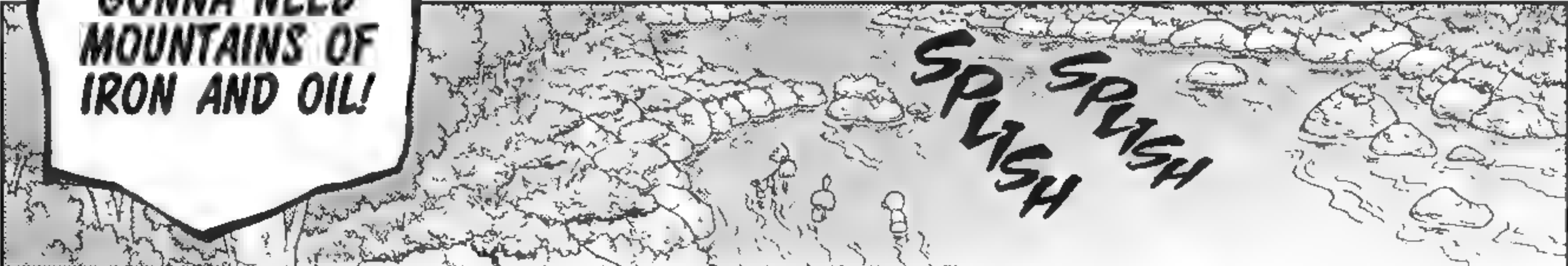


WE'RE NOW  
IN THE  
REALM OF  
MANUFACTURING...

NOT THE  
KINDA DINKY  
CREATIONS WE  
WHIP UP IN  
THE LAB.

WE'RE  
TALKING ABOUT  
PRODUCING  
MASSIVE STEEL  
COMPONENTS.

...AND WE'RE  
GONNA NEED  
MOUNTAINS OF  
IRON AND OIL!



AND THE  
RIVERBED  
ISN'T  
PROVIDING  
MUCH  
ANYMORE.

WE'RE  
ALMOST OUT  
OF IRON  
SAND.





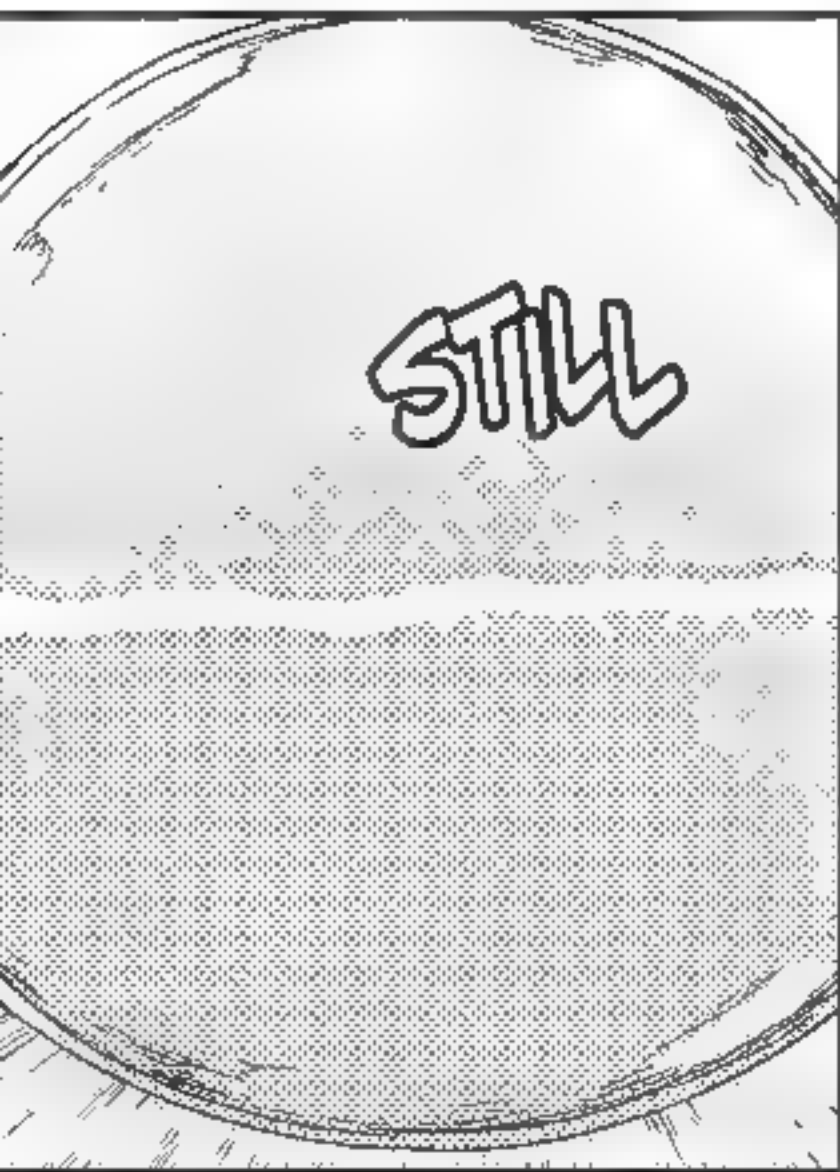


RADAR  
SEES  
THROUGH  
STUFF.

LIKE THE  
SKY AND  
SEA...

WE SHOULD  
BE ABLE TO  
FIND IRON OR  
WHATEVER  
ELSE  
WITH THIS,  
RIGHT?!

WELL, WHY  
NOT LAND,  
TOO?



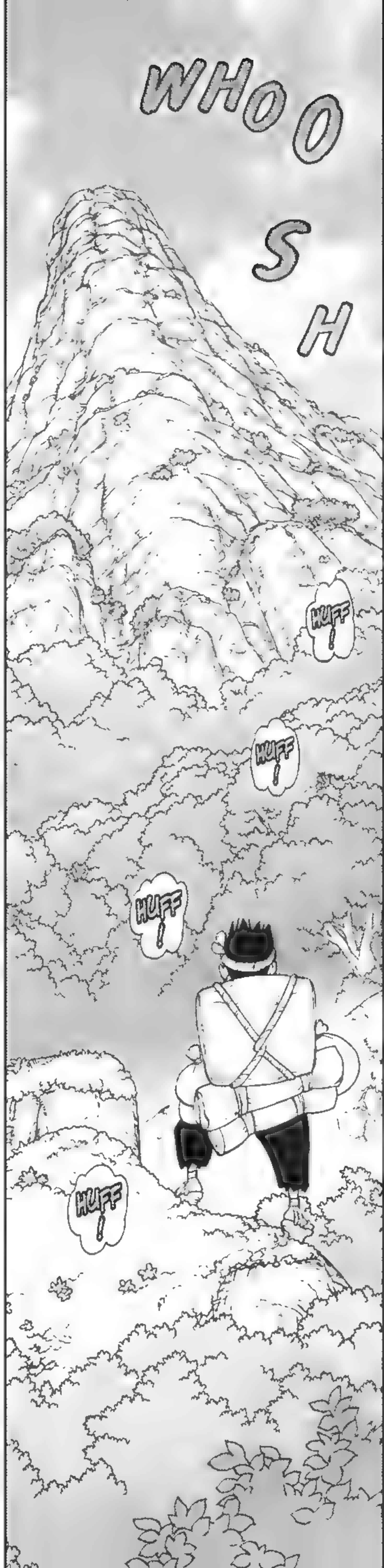
BETTER  
RUN A  
TEST BY  
POINTING IT  
AT SOME  
MINERALS.

...I JUST  
GOTTA ATTACH  
THE SWIRLY  
COIL TO THE  
RADAR  
SCREEN.

TO SHOOT  
OUT THOSE  
ELEKTRO-  
MAGNETICKY  
WAVES, OR  
WHATEVER  
THEY'RE  
CALLED...





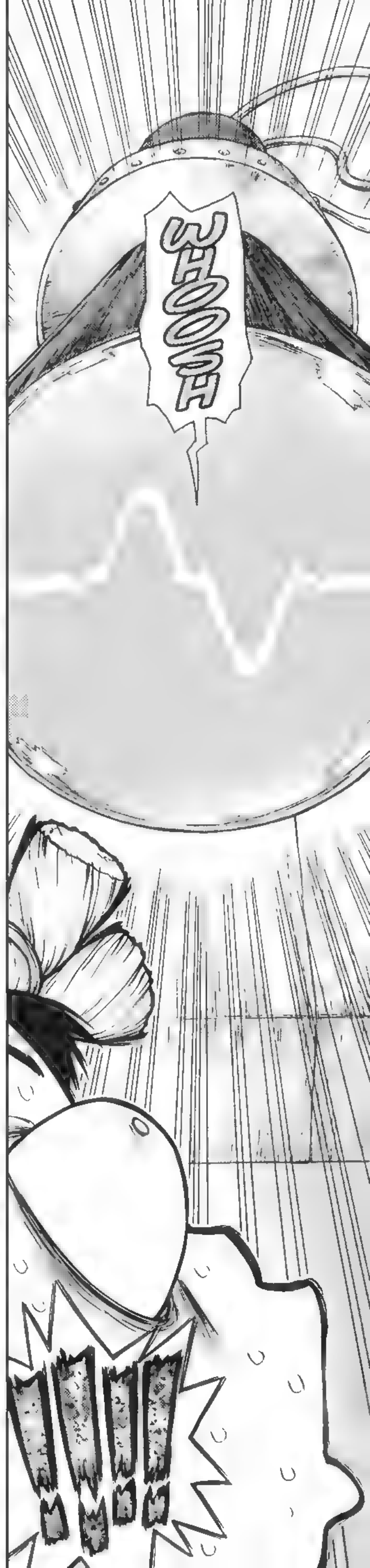


WHERE'D  
CHROME  
DISAPPEAR  
TO?

HE ZOOMED  
AWAY JUST  
A SECOND  
AGO...

...YELLING,  
"THIS'LL  
WORK REAL  
BAAAAD!" OR  
SOMETHING  
...

Z  
O  
O  
M







I RIGGED  
THE RADAR  
TO REACT TO  
MAGNETIC  
IRON...

...AND THIS  
IS THE SPOT  
WHERE  
IT CAME  
FROM!

THIS PLACE  
BRINGS  
BACK  
MEMORIES.

THE BALD  
MOUNTAIN  
SUMMIT  
WHERE  
KOHAKU,  
SENKU AND  
EVERYONE  
HARNESSED  
LIGHTNING



THERE'S  
GOTTA  
BE MORE  
DOWN  
UNDER THE  
GROUND!!

TRY TO  
REMEM-  
BER...

DIDNT  
I FIND IT  
AROUND  
HERE WHEN  
I WAS  
LITTLE?

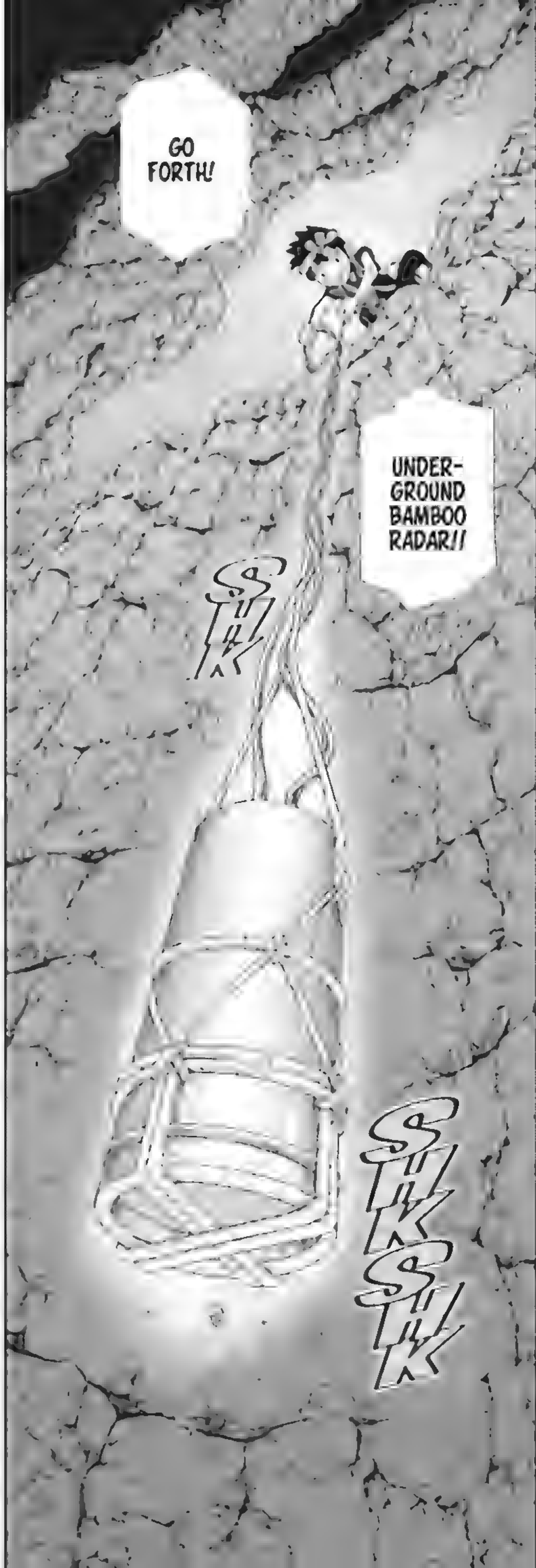


I FOUND IT  
ON SOME  
BARREN  
HILL

IT'S ONE  
BAAAAAD  
STONE!!







GO  
FORTH!

UNDER-  
GROUND  
BAMBOO  
RADAR!!

SUUK

SUUK  
SUUK



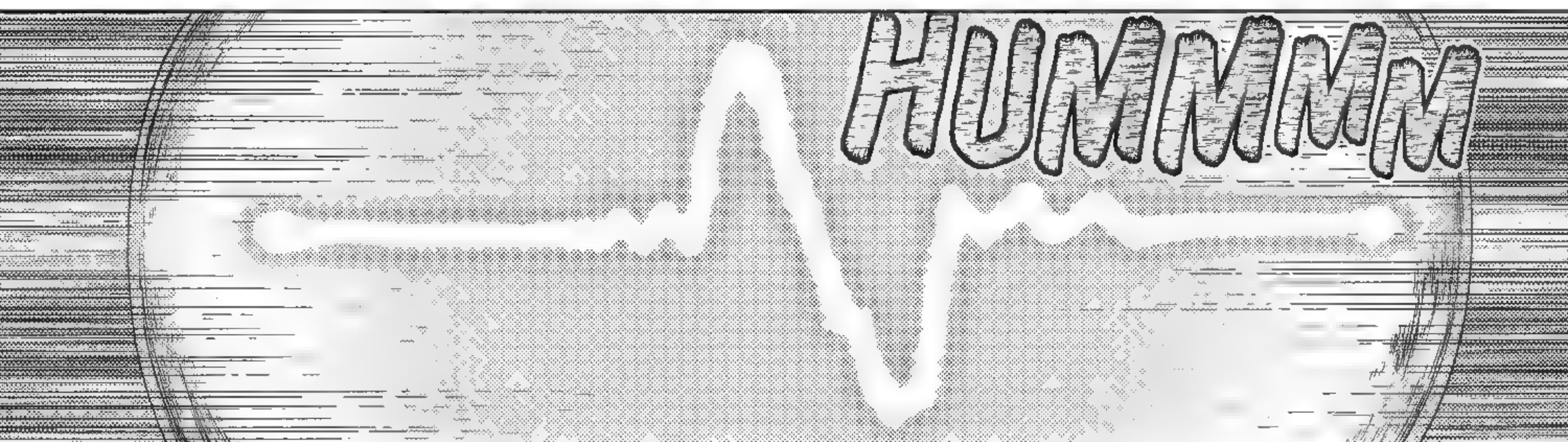
IT SLIGHTLY  
MOVED!

MOVE-  
MENT?!

NO, I'M  
SURE IT  
DEFINITELY  
MOVED!



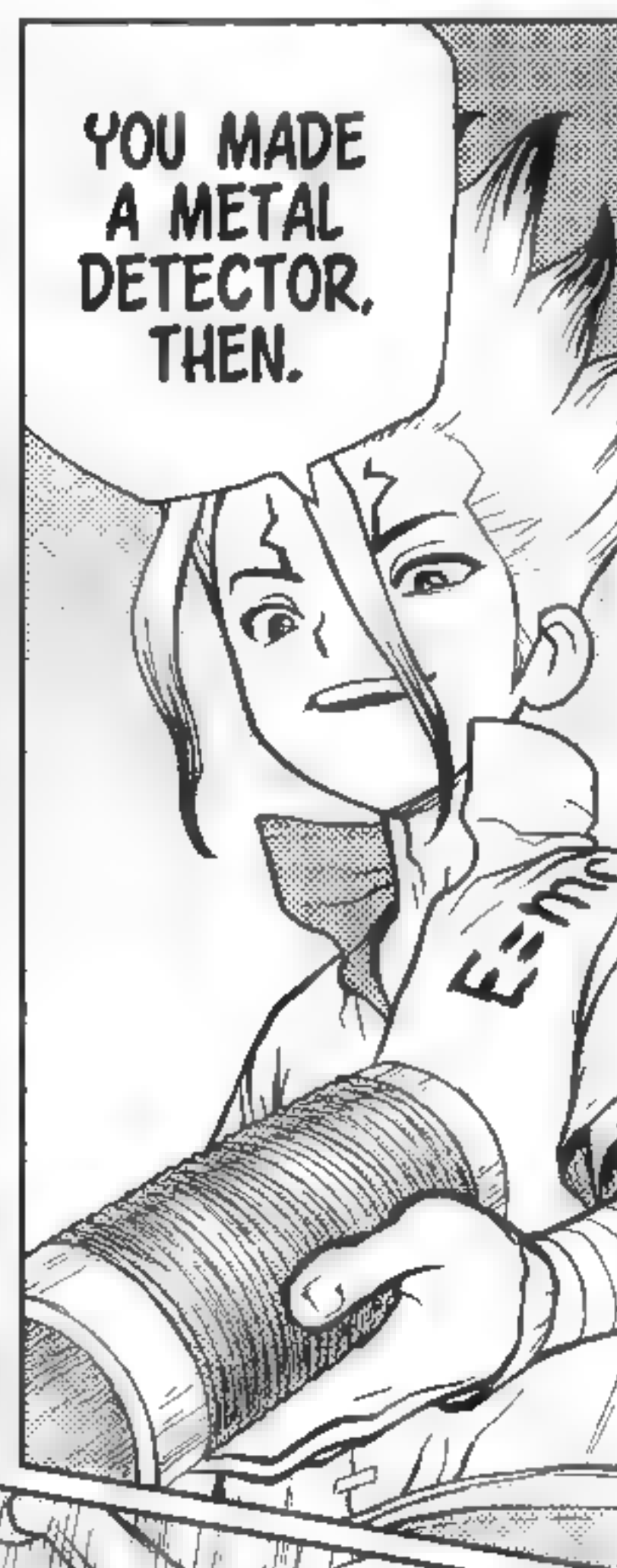
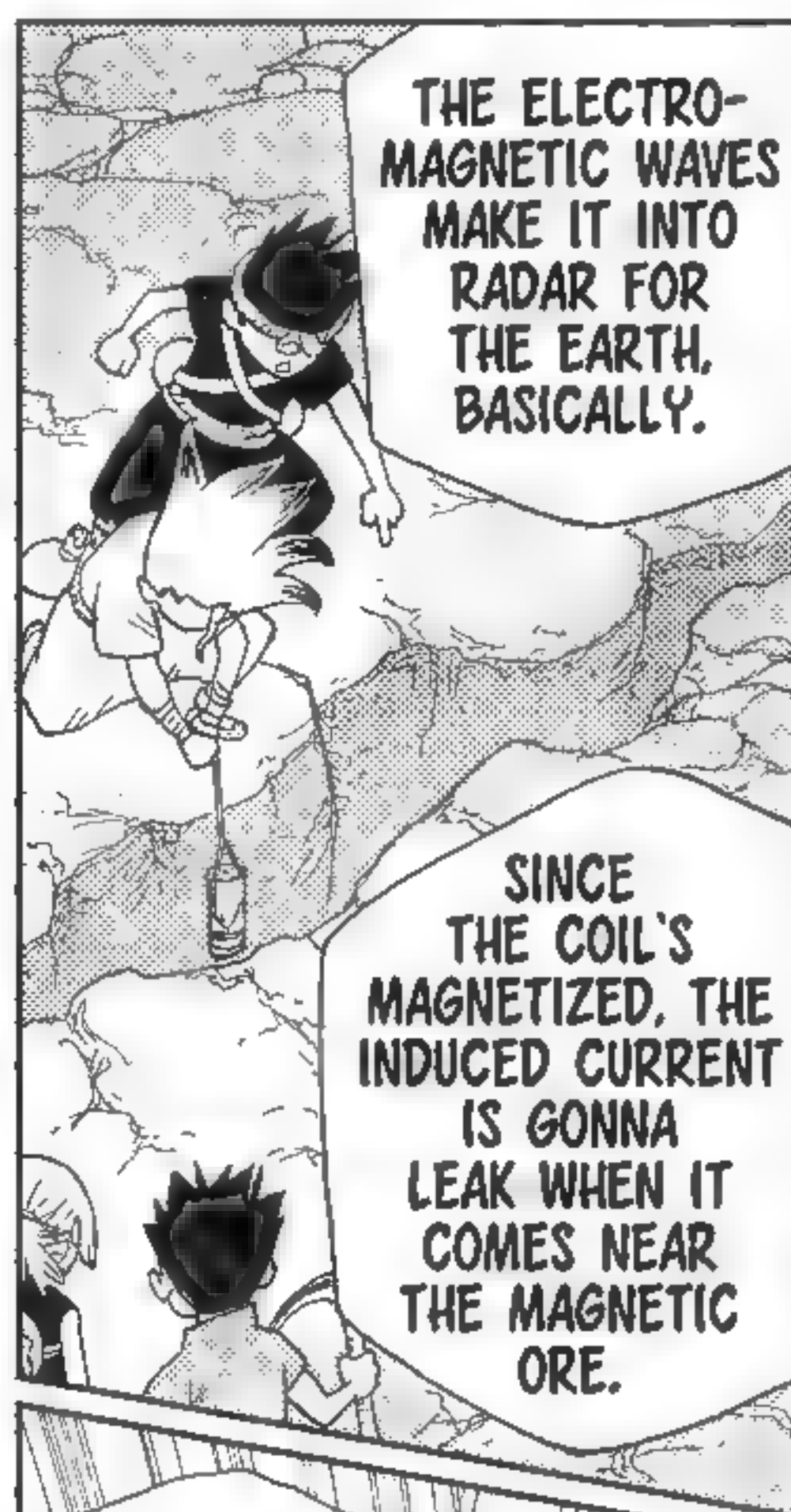














Mine  
acquired!!

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!!







IT'S  
BAAAAD  
JUST HOW  
FUN...

IT'S LIKE,  
I GOT THIS  
IDEA IN MY  
HEAD...

...SO  
I RAN MY  
EXPERIMENT,  
AND BAM! IT  
ALL WORKED  
OUT.

...SCIENCE  
REALLY IS!!



SO  
SMUG!

HANDS OFF!

HAH! CHROME  
TENDS TO  
LET A LITTLE  
PRAISE GO  
STRAIGHT TO  
HIS HEAD.



THAT'S NOT  
WHY I'M  
SMILING.

SMUG?  
NO WAY.



SUCCESS LIKE  
THIS IS RARE  
THOUGH,  
SO DON'T  
TAKE IT FOR  
GRANTED!!

HEH HEH  
HEH...  
I KNOW  
THAT  
FEELING.

...



THAT  
MEANS  
HAULING IN  
HEAPS OF  
RESOURCES.

LIKE I  
SAID, WE'RE  
ENTERING THE  
REALM OF  
MANU-  
FACTURING.

THE SHEER  
VOLUME HERE  
IS BEYOND  
BELIEF!





BUT HOW'RE  
WE GONNA  
CARRY THESE  
HEAVY ROCKS  
ALL THE WAY  
BACK?

HEH  
HEH HEH...  
YOU'RE  
ASKING HOW  
TO TRAVEL  
TO AND  
FROM A MINE?

I GOT JUST  
THE SOLUTION  
FOR YOU!



THE  
KINGDOM  
IS OVER  
100  
STRONG,  
NOW.

WE CAN  
SPLIT UP  
OUR LABOR  
FORCE...

...TO  
CREATE  
A HUGE  
NETWORK OF  
RESOURCES!!



WE NEED A  
LEADER WITH  
THE STUFF  
TO MAKE  
THE MOST OF  
THESE PEOPLE  
AND THEIR  
TALENTS!

NOW THAT OUR  
CIVILIZATION  
HAS REACHED  
THE AGE OF  
MANUFAC-  
TURING...

...WE'RE AT  
THE POINT  
WHERE A  
SINGLE  
GENIUS WON'T  
EXACTLY  
CUT IT.

LEADERSHIP  
ISN'T JUST  
FOR ANYONE,  
YOU KNOW.



LEMMIE  
TRY! I  
WANNA  
RIDE!

ME  
TOO...







**NOBODY'S  
GONNA  
FOLLOW A  
LEADER WHO  
DOESN'T KNOW  
HOW TO HAVE  
FUN!**

**...TO BRING  
JOY TO THE  
REST OF THE  
WORLD!**

**THE BEST  
LEADERS OUT  
THERE HAVE  
THE POWER...**



**NANAMI CORP.  
POUNDED  
SOME  
LESSONS INTO  
ME FROM AN  
EARLY AGE.**

**"KEEP YOUR  
EMOTIONS  
IN CHECK."**

**"NEVER  
INDULGE IN  
PASSION."**



**HMPH!  
I NEVER  
BELIEVED  
THAT CRAP!**



**NAH,  
I FORGED  
MY OWN  
LEADERSHIP  
STYLE!!**



**OH? THEN  
FOR OUR  
KINGDOM OF  
SCIENCE, YOUR  
PHILOSOPHY...**





**MINE  
CART!!**

**BAAAAD,  
IN A  
FUN  
WAY!**

**...IS  
HONESTLY  
AND  
TRULY...  
...A  
PERFECT  
MATCH!**

**ZOOOSH**

**Kingdom  
of Science  
Resource  
Network**

**IRON  
MOUNTAIN**

**MINE CART**

**oil**

**TO BE CONTINUED**



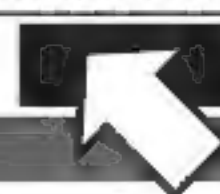


**MECHA  
SENKU**

# Q & A

**SEARCH**

Question Corner



**Who's the wisest among the Kingdom of Science's "Five Wise Commanders"?**



N.S. from Okayama Prefecture

**SEARCH**



Each is wise in their own way!

**Chrome**



**Creativity**

**Ryusui**



**Judgment**

**Senku**



**Intellect**

**Ukyo**



**Perception**

**Gen**



**Strategy**

**Science Questions**

How does one make gasoline out of plastic bottle caps?

**Character Questions**

If Taiju and Tsukasa really fought, who would win?

**Questions That Aren't Really Questions**

I wanna get petrified and challenge myself to count the seconds...

Now accepting any and all queries! Submit ten billion questions to me!

My name is

**MECHA  
SENKU!!**

**WHRRRR**

**KLANG**

# Dr. STONE









## BOICHI

I love thinking about Ishigami Village. The fact that it's been around for 3,700 years makes it the longest-lasting civilization in history. I'm gradually trying to imbue the village and its people with that sense of history. I have a lot of respect for them.

The ropes around their waists mark them as villagers, and even animals can become official members of the village if they wear a piece of rope.

Red string is woven into those ropes to symbolize that person's role in the village. I believe Senku will receive his own rope someday.

The image above is a gift of "rope" I've gotten from fans. I don't think I'm worthy of that sort of love and respect, but I'll keep working hard!

When I receive these gifts, it feels like we're all part of the same village.

**Boichi** is a Korean-born artist currently living and working in Japan. His previous works include *Sun-Ken Rock* and *Terra Formars Asimov*.



## RIICHIRO INAGAKI

I attended a bread-making class where we got to knead our own dough and bake it ourselves. It was probably the tastiest bread I've ever had!

Since I now have the ability to make bread at home, I'm already thinking about how much fun it'll be to think up my own special flavors for my Inagaki-brand bread!

It seems like a great hobby to have, since you end up with a practical, edible product in the end.

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